

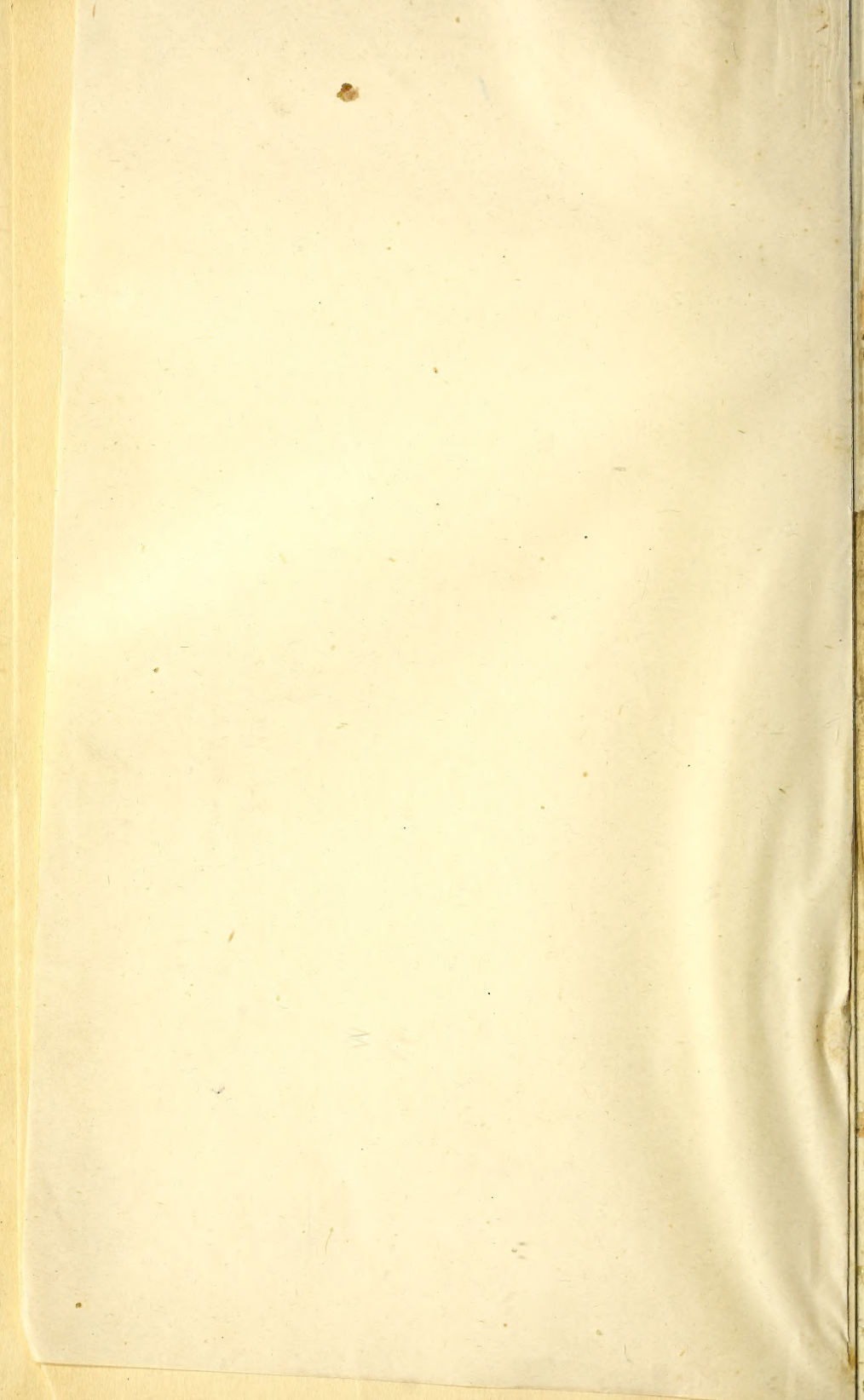
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SOUTHERN CHAPTER OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
THE EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CLASSIS of North Carolina of the Reformed Church in the United States was held in the Bethel Church, of the East Rowan Charge, of which the Rev. C. B. Heller is the pastor.

This congregation was organized in 1806, yet this is the first time the Classis has met with this hospitable people, owing to its remoteness on the border of the Classis territory. It is here among the descendants of the German Bernharts, Moores, Lentzes and others, true to the church of their fathers, that the members of Classis found themselves on Wednesday morning, May 6, 1891, to listen to the opening sermon by President Dr. Trexler, from 1 Cor. 3, 8 and 9 verses. After the sermon Classis was constituted with singing and prayer by Rev. J. L. Murphy.

On calling the roll the following ministers and elders properly accredited were found to be present, viz:

MINISTERS.—G. Wm. Welker, J. W. Cecil, J. C. Clapp, J. A. Foil, P. M. Trexler, Paul Barringer, C. B. Heller, J. L. Murphy, J. M. L. Lyerly and A. R. Holshouser.

ELDERS.—G. K. Faust, Alamance; G. W. Clapp, Guilford; L. Everhart, Upper Davidson; Daniel Palmer, East Rowan; T. A. P. Rosamon, Central Rowan; William Long (secretary) West Rowan; J. F. Murrill, Hickory; H. A. Forney, Catawba; William Ramsaur, Lincoln, and V. N. Mitchell, Concord.

An election was held for the President for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

The President defined the bar of the House to be two seats in front and the seats on the right of the pulpit.

The hours for meeting and adjourning were fixed as follows, viz: Meet at 9.30 o'clock a. m.; have recess at 12 m.; meet at 1.30 p. m., and adjourn at 4.30 p. m.

The Classis ordered that each Consistory report to the Stated Clerk twenty days before the meeting of Classis, annually, the name of the delegate elected to represent them in Classis, together with that of his alternate, and that all moneys intended for Classis be remitted to its treasurer by the first of April, annually.

All the sessions of Classis were closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

After recess on Wednesday, business was resumed after singing and prayer. The President announced the following standing committees, viz:

1. RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—Ministers Heller and Lyerly with Elder Palmer.

2. MINUTES OF CLASSIS.—Ministers Welker and Leonard with Elder Mitchell.

3. MINUTES OF THE POTOMAC SYNOD.—Ministers Trexler and Holshouser with Elder Everhart.

4. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.—Ministers Clapp and Cecil with Elder Faust.

5. OVERTURES.—Ministers Foil and Heller with Elder Ramsour.

6. EXAMINATIONS AND LICENSE.—Ministers Barringer and Trexler with Elder Murrill.

FINANCE.—Elders Forney, Rosamon and Wm. Long.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—Ministers Trexler and Foil with Elder G. W. Clapp.

Elders J. F. Moose, J. H. Moose, J. R. Fisher, George Moose and A. E. Beaver being present were invited to seats as advisory members.

All reports, petitions, communications, etc., intended for Classis, were referred to the Committee on Overtures.

Resolved, That a committee of investigation be ordered, to whom shall be referred the action of the General Con-

sistory of the Alamance charge in the communication of Elder W. R. Ingle and Wyatt Ingle. This consisted of Dr. J. C. Clapp, Rev. J. C. Leonard and Elder J. F. Murrill.

The annual reports from the several pastoral charges and missions were now taken up and occupied the time until the time to adjourn.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 7, 1891.

The President called Classis to order, which was opened with singing and prayer by Elder Murrill. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Rev. J. C. Leonard appeared in his seat. The hearing of the parochial reports was resumed and finished and referred to the committee on the State of Religion and Statistics.

The committee on the minutes of Classis made report and the following disposition was made of its several items :

ITEM 1—The General Consistory of Lower Davidson ask to have adjusted the matter of \$100 last year appropriated to aid in the building of a new church near their parsonage. Resolved, That the Treasurer of Classis cancel the note held by him against the building committee of Hedrick Grove church.

ITEM 2—Permission given to organize a new Reformed congregation in Gold Hill township by Revs. Heller and Lysterly. Reported not completed and continued.

ITEM 3—The conditions made in the division of the Guilford charge not complied with. Ordered that the conditions be at once complied with, and should they fail to comply to report the reason to the next meeting of Classis.

ITEM 4—The Barton church property. Resolved, That the committee having in hand the matter of the Barton church property be authorized to organize a congregation, make demand for the property, and if demand be not complied with the congregation enter suit for the possession of

the property, and that Classis pledge itself for any liabilities incurred.

ITEM 5—The committee appointed to collect data to enable Classis to equalize her apportionments on congregations, reported progress and were continued to complete their work.

Classis had a recess until 1½ o'clock p. m.

After sermon by Rev. J. C. Clapp the Classis was opened with singing and prayer by C. A. Starr. The elder from Lower Davidson charge, David Long, appeared and was admitted to his seat. The consideration of the report on the Minutes of Classis was resumed.

ITEM 6—The appropriation of \$125 to St. Paul's church at Enochville. Resolved, That the Treasurer of Classis pay the sum in his hands to the credit of the church extension fund immediately and the balance still due on the \$125 by December next.

ITEM 7—Arrearage due by the churches on the apportionment made to remove the indebtedness of Catawba College. Pledges were given by some charges to speedily comply, while others pleaded inability. A statement follows of the assessment and of the payments made, viz: East Rowan is assessed \$165, and still due \$46; Catawba \$160 assessed, all paid; Guilford and Alamance \$160 assessed, nothing paid; West Rowan \$135 assessed, and nothing paid; Upper Davidson \$90 assessed, still due \$13.07; Lower Davidson \$85 assessed, and nothing paid; Lincoln \$80 assessed, and \$67.50 still due; Hickory \$65 assessed and \$17 still due; Central Rowan \$50 assessed and nothing paid; Concord Mission \$10 assessed and paid in full.

The report as a whole was adopted.

The committee to whom was given the investigation of the case of the excommunication of Elder W. R. Ingle and Wyatt Ingle by the General Consistory of Alamance charge, reported. The report was adopted unanimously as follows,

viz: Your committee appointed to investigate the appeal of W. R. and Wyatt Ingle from the action of the General Consistory of the Alamance charge, suspending them from all church privileges for six months, on hearing the testimony in the case find the appeal in order and the action of said Consistory to be contrary to the constitution of the Reformed Church, and hence null and void.

J. C. CLAPP,

J. C. LEONARD,

J. F. MURRILL.

The Treasurer of Classis made his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Trustees of Catawba College was read and ordered to be placed on file.

The Elder from the Guilford charge, G. W. Clapp, was excused from attendance after the present session.

The expenses incurred by the stated clerk for the use of Classis, with his salary, were ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of Classis.

The President appointed Revs. Lyerly and Cecil, with Elder David Long, a Committee on Nominations.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Potomac Synod reported. Its several items were considered and the action of Classis follows.

ITEM 1. On the Foreign Missionary Work in Japan. This calls the attention of all ministers and congregations to that work and the urgent need that now rests upon the the Reformed Church not only to pray, but also to give freely to the cause, and that all that possibly can be done for the establishing of the schools in Japan upon firm bases, claims the utmost efforts of all our people.

ITEM 2. Home Missions.—Order that \$355 be apportioned to the congregations for this purpose.

The report as amended was adopted.

Resolved, That the President of Classis, with two min-

Missions to the pastor when the charge pays \$300 in support of the said pastor.

ITEM 9. A communication from Rev. A. C. Whitmer regarding his visit to North Carolina in the interest of Home Missions. Voted that Revs. Lysterly and Leonard, with Elder Murrill, be a committee to arrange for his visit.

ITEM 10. The resolution of the Joint Consistory of Upper Davidson charge on the printing of the Minutes. Ordered that 1,000 copies be printed; that discretionary power be given the stated clerk as to the printing and the matter to be published. Thirty-five dollars was ordered to be apportioned for the printing and \$10 for the preparation of the Minutes. The report was adopted as a whole.

The report on the Moffett's Grove Mission was made and adopted, viz: Your committee to whom was referred the matter of the Moffett's Grove Mission, after having given it careful consideration, recommend the following action: Resolved 1st. That the interest be committed to the care of Rev. J. C. Leonard for the ensuing Classical year, and that he be authorized to organize a congregation at his discretion. 2d. That Classis pledges \$100 for every \$200 raised by the Mission for the erection of a church or chapel not to exceed in cost \$600.

J. C. CLAPP,
C. B. HELLER,
T. A. P. ROSAMON.

Classis ordered that \$100 be apportioned to the churches for Beneficiary Education; \$100 for Church Extension; \$20 to pay Dr. Clapp's expenses to the meeting of General Synod; \$25 to pay Dr. Trexler's expenses to the meeting of the Synod of the Potomac; and \$20 to Rev. P. Barringer to the same.

In the necessary absence of Rev. P. Barringer, Dr. Clapp was appointed to his place on the Committee of Examinations and License.

The following resolutions on the death of Rev. P. A. Long were unanimously adopted and ordered to be recorded upon the Minutes of Classis and a copy sent to the bereaved family, viz :

Resolved 1st, That we, the members of the Classis of North Carolina, having heard of the death of our former co-laborer and beloved brother, the Rev. Philip Allison Long, recently at Chambersburg, Pa., tender to his bereaved family our Christian sympathy.

2d. That we cherish precious memories of his early and efficient ministry among us, and that his zeal and success still speak to us and more loudly now that he has entered into his rest.

The Committee on Nominations offered the following report, which was adopted, viz : Your Committee on Nominations present the following persons for Trustees of Catawba College for the three years ensuing, viz : Rev. C. B. Heller, Heilig's Mills, N. C.; P. James Leonard, Lexington, N. C.; J. W. Robinson, Hickory, N. C.; Col. W. H. Williams, Reuben Setzer, Newton, N. C.; J. L. Paine, Kidsville, N. C.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

MINISTERS.—J. C. Leonard, J. L. Murphy, A. R. Holsouser, principals. J. C. Clapp, C. B. Heller, G. William Welker, seconds.

ELDERS.—H. A. Forney, A. F. Heilman, principals. David A. Long, G. K. Faust, seconds.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. L. LYERLY, Chairman.

Elder David A. Long was appointed instead of G. W. Clapp on the Finance Committee, who was given leave of absence. Dr. Ingold and Rev. Thos. Long were excused from absence from this meeting of Classis on account of age and infirmity.

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Hedrick Grove Church of the Lower Davidson charge, was chosen as the place of the next annual meeting of the Classis, and Thursday before the first Sabbath in May, 1892, at 10 o'clock a. m., was fixed as the time of meeting.

Adjourned and closed with Doxology and Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 9TH, 1891.

Classis called to order by the President and opened with singing and prayer by Rev. G. Wm. Welker.

The Minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

Drs. Ingold and Foil and Rev. J. L. Murphy were appointed a committee to consider the propriety of setting apart Grace Reformed church of Newton from the Catawba charge and constituting it a new pastoral charge.

The committee to prepare a programme for the visit of Superintendent Whitmer reported the following, which was adopted, viz: Your committee recommend that the proposal to visit the Churches of the Classis in the interest of Home Missions be accepted and that the beginning be made at Burlington on Saturday, the 13th of July, to remain till Monday, the 15th; then one day in each of the Rowan charges (three days); thence to Concord one day (19th); thence to Lincoln charge one day (21st); thence to Catawba charge two days (24th); thence to Hickory 25th; and to Blowing Rock three days. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

J. F. MURRILL.

The Committee on Finance made report, and it was adopted, and follows in its several parts:

First. The certificate of the committee who audited the accounts and examined vouchers, viz: We the under-

signed beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Classis and compared the vouchers with the same, and find them true and correct.

T A. P. ROSAMON,
WM. M. LONG.

Second—

CLASSIS CONTINGENT FUND.

Congregation.	Assessed.	Paid.
Guilford Charge	\$ 15 75.....	\$ 15 75
Alamance	6 00.....	6 00
Upper Davidson.....	18 95.....	18 95
Lower Davidson.....	10 50.....	10 50
East Rowan.....	24 25.....	24 25
West Rowan	20 00.....	20 00
Central Rowan	7 50.....	7 50
Catawba	25 00.....	12 60
Lincoln	20 00.....	20 00
Hickory	20 00.....	20 00
Concord Mission	7 00.....	7 00
St. Paul	1 00.....	1 00
Blowing Rock Mission.....	2 25.....	2 25
Mount Tabor Mission.....	1 80.....	1 80
April 30, 1891—Balance in Treasury.....		10
	<u>\$180 00</u>	<u>\$167 70</u>

PAID OUT.

To Dr. G. Wm. Welker.....	\$ 34 24	
Rev. L. Reiter.....	14 00	
Hickory Printing Co.....	25 00	
Potomac Synod, 1889-90	40 00	
“ “ balance 1889-90	17 00	
Mount Tabor Church	10 00	
	<u> </u>	\$140 24
Balance in the Treasury.....		<u>\$ 27 46</u>

Third—

THE BENEVOLENT FUND OF CLASSIS—HOME MISSIONS.

Congregation.	Apportioned.	Paid.
St. Paul's Mission	\$ 2 00.....	\$ 2 00
East Rowan Charge	26 84.....	26 84
Lincoln.....	22 50.....	22 50
Central Rowan	8 15.....	8 15
Catawba	30 00.....	30 00
Alamance	6 66.....	6 50
Blowing Rock Mission.....	2 50.....	2 50
Hickory Charge.....	22 00.....	23 10
Upper Davidson Charge.....	20 00.....	20 00
Concord Mission	10 50.....	10 50
West Rowan Charge	20 35.....	20 35
Guilford	15 00.....	
Lower Davidson	11 50.....	11 50
Mount Tabor Mission	2 00.....	2 00
April 30, 1890—Balance in Treasury.....		88
	<u>\$200 00</u>	<u>\$186 82</u>

AMOUNT PAID.

Paid W. H. Seibert, Treasurer Home Mis. Board...	145 27
Amount in Treasury.....	<u>\$ 41 55</u>

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Congregation.	Apportioned.	Paid.
St. Paul's Mission.....	\$ 1 25.....	\$ 1 25
Upper Davidson Charge.....	15 50.....	15 50
East Rowan Charge	19 35.....	19 35
Central Rowan Charge.....	4 90.....	4 90
Catawba Charge.....	18 00.....	18 00
Concord Mission	6 30.....	6 30
Hickory Charge.....	13 00.....	13 00
Alamance	4 00.....	4 00
Lincoln.....	13 50.....	13 50

Guilford	9 50	9 50
Loyer Davidson	7 00	7 00
West Rowan	13 00	13 00
Blowing Rock Mission.....	1 50	1 50
Mount Tabor Mission.....	1 20	92
April 30, 1890—Amount in Treasury		77 03
		<u>\$204 75</u>

AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To C. A. Starr at several times.....	175 83
In the Treasury.....	<u>\$ 28 92</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Concord Mission	\$ 7 27
Catawba Charge	51 71
Hickory Charge	10 00
Upper Davidson Charge	13 29
Lincoln Charge	7 08
West Rowan	25 82
Guilford	29 00
April 30, 1890—Balance in Treasury	<u>70 85</u>
	<u>\$215 02</u>
Paid to Treasurer of Foreign Missions, ...	171 65
Amount in Treasury, ...	<u>\$ 43 37</u>

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

St. Paul's Mission, ...	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00
Upper Davidson Charge, ...	10 00	10 40
East Rowan	13 25	13 25
Alamance	3 50	3 50
Lincoln	11 00	11 00
Hickory	11 50	11 50
Concord Mission, ...	5 25	5 25
Catawba Charge, ...	15 00	3 75
Guilford	7 50	7 50

Lower Davidson	5 75		5 75
Central Rowan	4 07		4 07
Blowing Rock Mission, ...	1 25		1 25
Mt. Tabor	1 00		
April 30, 1890—Amount in Treasury, ...			93 77
			\$182 17
Paid Appro. to Lower Davidson Charge			100 00
In the Treasury, ...			\$ 82 17

The Committee on Finance were ordered to apportion \$201.50 for contingent expenses on the congregations of Classis; and that apportionment was adopted by Classis, and follows, viz: Hickory Charge, \$10; Lincoln, \$20; Guilford, \$25; Lower Davidson, \$16; Central Rowan, \$8; West Rowan, \$26; East Rowan, \$26; Upper Davidson, \$28; Catawba, \$26; Alamance, \$7; Concord Mission, \$3; Mt. Tabor Mission, \$2.50; St. Paul's Mission, \$2.50; Mt. Bethel Mission (Blowing Rock) \$1.50. Total, \$201.50.

HOME MISSIONS, \$325.

Hickory Charge, \$20; Lincoln, \$35; Guilford \$30; Lower Davidson, \$30; Upper Davidson, \$45; Central Rowan, \$13.40; West Rowan, \$40; East Rowan, \$40; Catawba, \$45; Alamance, \$12; Concord Mission, \$5; Mt. Tabor, \$4; St. Paul's, \$4; Mt. Bethel, \$2.50. Total, \$325.90.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION, \$100.

Hickory Charge, \$8; Lincoln, \$10; Guilford, \$10; Lower Davidson, \$8; Upper Davidson, \$14; Central Rowan, \$5; West Rowan, \$12.25; East Rowan, \$13; Catawba, \$15; Alamance, \$4; Concord Mission, \$2; Mt. Tabor, \$1 30; St. Paul's, \$1.25; Mt. Bethel, \$1.50. Total, \$105.30.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND, \$100.

Hickory Charge, \$8; Lincoln, \$10; Guilford, \$10; Lower Davidson, \$8; Upper Davidson, \$14; Central Rowan, \$5;

West Rowan, \$12.25; East Rowan, \$13; Catawba, \$15; Alamance, \$4; Concord Mission, \$2; Mt. Tabor, \$1.30; St. Paul's, \$1.25; Mt. Bethel, \$1.50. Total, \$105 30.

The Committee on Examinations made report, which called out earnest discussion, and their report was formally laid upon the table, and the applicant, Mr. C. A. Starr, was placed under the care of Rev. G. Wm. Welker, to prosecute his theological studies during the next Classical year.

The Committee on Religious Services now presented their final report, which was adopted. It follows, viz:

Preparatory services on Saturday at 11 o'clock, a m. Sermon by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF CLASSIS.

HYMN—Rev. J. C. Leonard.

ADDRESS—Dr. G. William Welker.

REPETITION OF APOSTLES' CREED, Lord's Prayer and Doxology, by the congregation.

BENEDICTION, by the President.

SABBATH SERVICES.

At 9:30 a. m., Sabbath School. At close, addresses by Revs. Leonard and Murphy. Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. by Dr. Welker, (Rev. Barringer at the Grove.) At 2 p. m. sermon by Dr. Trexler, (Rev. J. L. Murphy at the Grove.)

Classis had recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY AFTER RECESS.

Classis resumed business at 1:30 o'clock, and was opened with singing and prayer by the President.

The committee on Religion and Statistics made report, which was adopted by Classis, and follows, viz:

DEAR BRETHREN:—From reports placed in the hands of your committee, we learn two things—one is encouraging, the other discouraging. No one of the ministers of the

Word have passed away by death. It is true, some of the membership have been called away by the angel of death, but perhaps not more than usual. One elder is deserving of special mention; Elder A. A. Livengood—a good and noble man—was during the year called to his reward. The membership has been considerably increased above last year. In a number of congregations weekly prayermeetings are kept up. The Sunday schools seem to be in a flourishing condition, some of which are doing good service in the way of benevolence. The charitable element in the Christian life is developing in most of the congregations. In some of the congregations aid societies have been organized and are doing good service in the church at home and abroad. Some children are being organized for church work. A number of our people are taking the church papers, but there are many who are not taking and not reading these papers. On the other hand some of the members are wanting in proper interest in the work and worship of the church. Many are not engaged in the Sunday schools as they should be, failing to enjoy the high Christian privileges they have. But, after considering all the shortcomings and the present imperfect state of the church, we believe that the church as represented by this Classis is not only growing in membership but also in the Christian life, or grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We realize that our blessed Lord is with us as He promised—“Lo! I am with you always unto the end of the world.” We have great reason to bless God and take courage. Respectfully submitted,

P. M. TREXLER,

D. A. LONG.

A committee consisting of Dr. Clapp, Rev. J. C. Leonard and Dr. Trexler was appointed to confer with the people of the Guilford charges as to some proper recognition of the approaching semi-centennial of the ministry of their pastor.

Dr. Clapp, Dr. Foil, Revs. Heller and Barringer with Elders Murrill, Everhart and Mitchell were excused for absence from part of the session of to day.

Ordered that pastors and consistories note, in their parochial reports, the number of the minutes of Classis received.

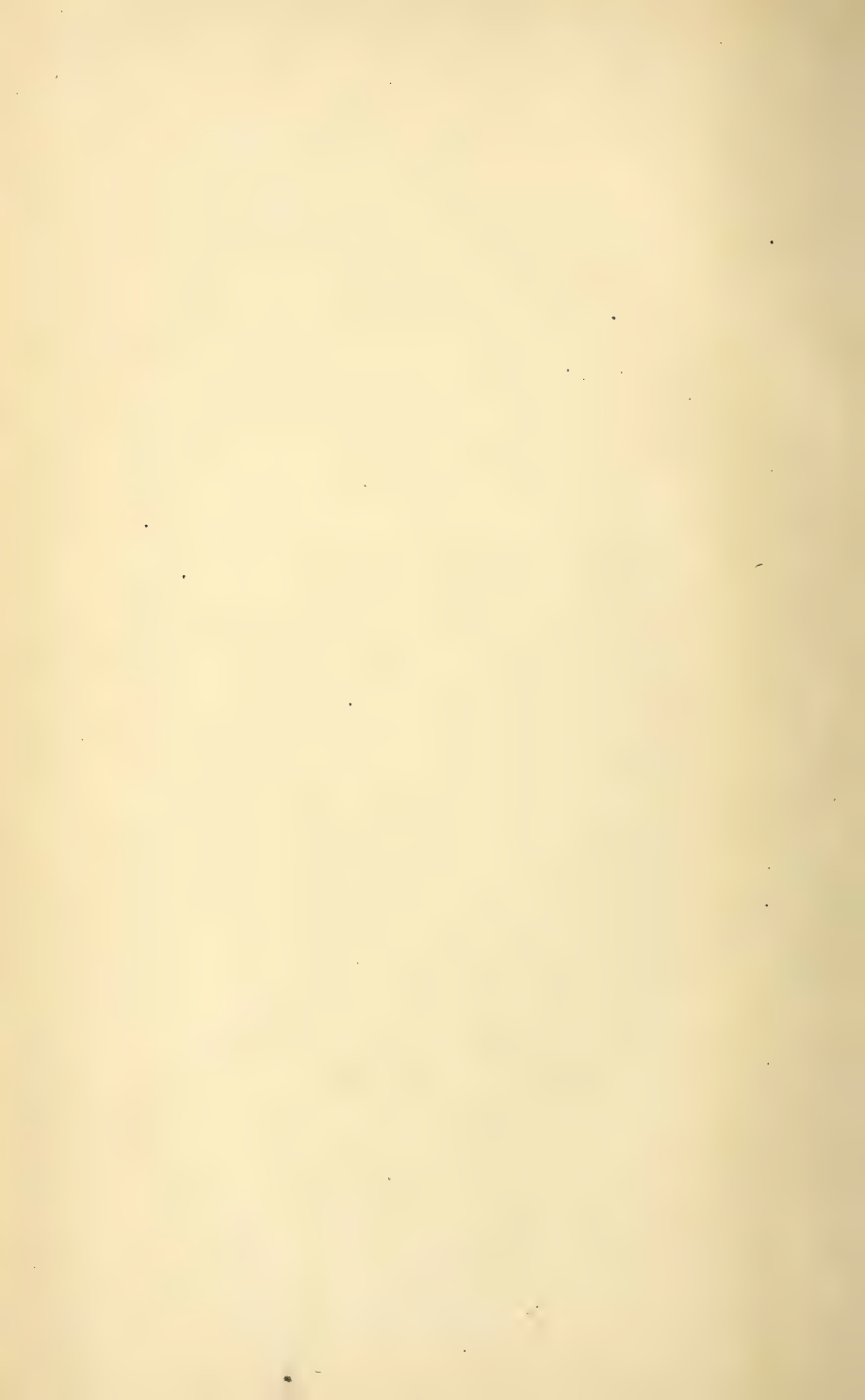
The several times for holding the collections for benevolent funds was changed so that March be for Foreign Missions, June for Church Extension, September for Beneficiary Education, December for Home Mission.

Col. H. A. Forney was re elected treasurer of Classis for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina take this method to express their hearty thanks for the bounteous hospitality extended to its members by the good people of Bethel and others, and that this resolution be read from the desk tomorrow. Resolved, That the Stated Clerk, in the name of the Classis, tender the authorities of the Richmond & Danville Railroad Co. thanks for the reduced fare extended those attending the meeting of this Classis.

Resolved, That Classis now adjourn to meet as already determined. The closing services as provided for by the committee on Religious Services made a solemn and fitting close to a very pleasant meeting of the Classis, whose members after uniting in the repetition of the creed, Lord's Prayer and Doxology, were dismissed to their homes and work with the Benediction of the President.

G. WILLIAM WELKER,
Stated Clerk N. C. Classis.



HISTORICAL SKETCH.

The Reformed Church in North Carolina is coeval with the pioneer white settlements in the western part of the State. It came with the tide of immigration that poured into this section of excellent lands and salubrious climate through the Valley of Virginia, from Pennsylvania, and somewhat from Virginia, about the middle of last century. Moravians, Presbyterians, Friends, Lutherans, Baptists and Reformed organized simultaneous societies in most of the western counties east of the mountains, about 1760. The Reformed people were mainly Germans, driven from the Palatinate by cruel religious persecution. The exiles began to flock to America, as an asylum of religious freedom, as early as 1683, and continued, at intervals, into the next century. They formed colonies "on the banks of the Delaware, the Lehigh, Susquehanna, in New York, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina." The chief settlements were in Pennsylvania. Their first settled minister was Philip Boehm, who came from the Palatinate about 1720. About 1730 another pioneer minister, Rev. Michael Weiss, reported to the Synod of Holland that there were in America many of the oppressed inhabitants of Germany, and particularly out of the Palatinate and the districts of Nassau, Waldeck, Witgenstein and Wetterau, holding to the Reformed confession. There were also German Mennonites and Lutherans, but the Reformed constituted more than half the number. In 1747 Michael Schlatter, "the missionary father of the Reformed Church in this country," came to Philadelphia. The first Synod

was organized in 1747 under the care of the Classis of Amsterdam. Then there were five ordained ministers and forty-six organized churches. In 1793 there twenty-two ministers and 150 churches. The Synod of Ohio was organized subsequently. The General Synod was formed in 1863. Now there are seven Synods, fifty-four Classes, 825 ministers, 183,880 members, with six colleges, three theological seminaries and a number of institutes, missions in Japan, India and among the American Indians, sixteen English periodicals and six German.

The progress of the Reformed Church in this country has been equal of late to that of any other evangelical denomination, and its prospects are fair for becoming one of the largest and most influential. She is a member of that "large family of Reformed churches in the world which constitutes the greater part of Evangelical Protestantism." This family, distinguished by the name Reformed from the Lutheran Church, was established in Switzerland, Holland, Germany and elsewhere with a number of confessions agreeing in the essential doctrines of Christianity, but differing in minor points of doctrine, cultus and life. The Reformed Church in common with the rest of the family differs from the Lutheran, especially in its doctrine of the Lord's Supper, from which spring many other differences. "It holds the Calvinistic doctrine of the Lord's Supper, which teaches the spiritual, real presence of the body and blood of Christ in the holy Eucharist, and that grace of the sacrament is received only by believers, through the organ of faith, in distinction from the doctrine of Luther, which teaches that the body and blood of Christ are present IN, WITH and UNDER the elements of bread and wine, and received by the mouth, and by all who receive the outward elements, whether believers or unbelievers."

From the Reformed Church of England it differs in form of government, a more simple ritual in public worship and in the orders of the ministry.

It is not so strictly Calvinistic as the Dutch Reformed and Presbyterian churches, holding more moderate views on predestination and never teaching the decree of reprobation, but leaving the mystery of this perplexing doctrine unexplained.

The Heidelberg Catechism, its only confessional standard of doctrine, emphasizes the free grace of Jesus Christ as the potent agency in salvation, apart from any merit or ability in man himself. The Apostles' Creed is central in its system of doctrine, and the person of Christ is magnified as the source of redemption.

Whilst the Reformed Church has always repudiated any human name in conjunction with the sacred body of Christ, she holds in lasting esteem the name of Ulrich Zwingli, the bold, intrepid and learned Reformer who preached the startling doctrines of the Reformation and began his work in Switzerland in 1516, just one year before Luther began his in Germany, without any knowledge of the latter for a considerable time, and who obtained the martyr's crown on the fatal field of Cappel; of John Calvin, the most learned theologian of the Reformation period and the mighty foundation of Protestant doctrines; and of Ursinus and Olevianus, the authors of the Catechism, now so dear to many Christians in other communions; whilst Melancthon, Luther and others are highly honored and deeply loved for the noble part they took in the blessed work of the Reformation. This church has ever been most irenical in spirit, and now hails with great joy the growing spirit of fellowship and co-operation throughout the greater part of Protestantism.

The Classis of North Carolina was organized nearly sixty years ago. The fathers whose faith moved them to this service for the dear Master, have all rested from their labors. Houck, Boger, Fritchey, Crawford, Lerch, Loretz, Roody, Reiley, Suther and others, with their prede-

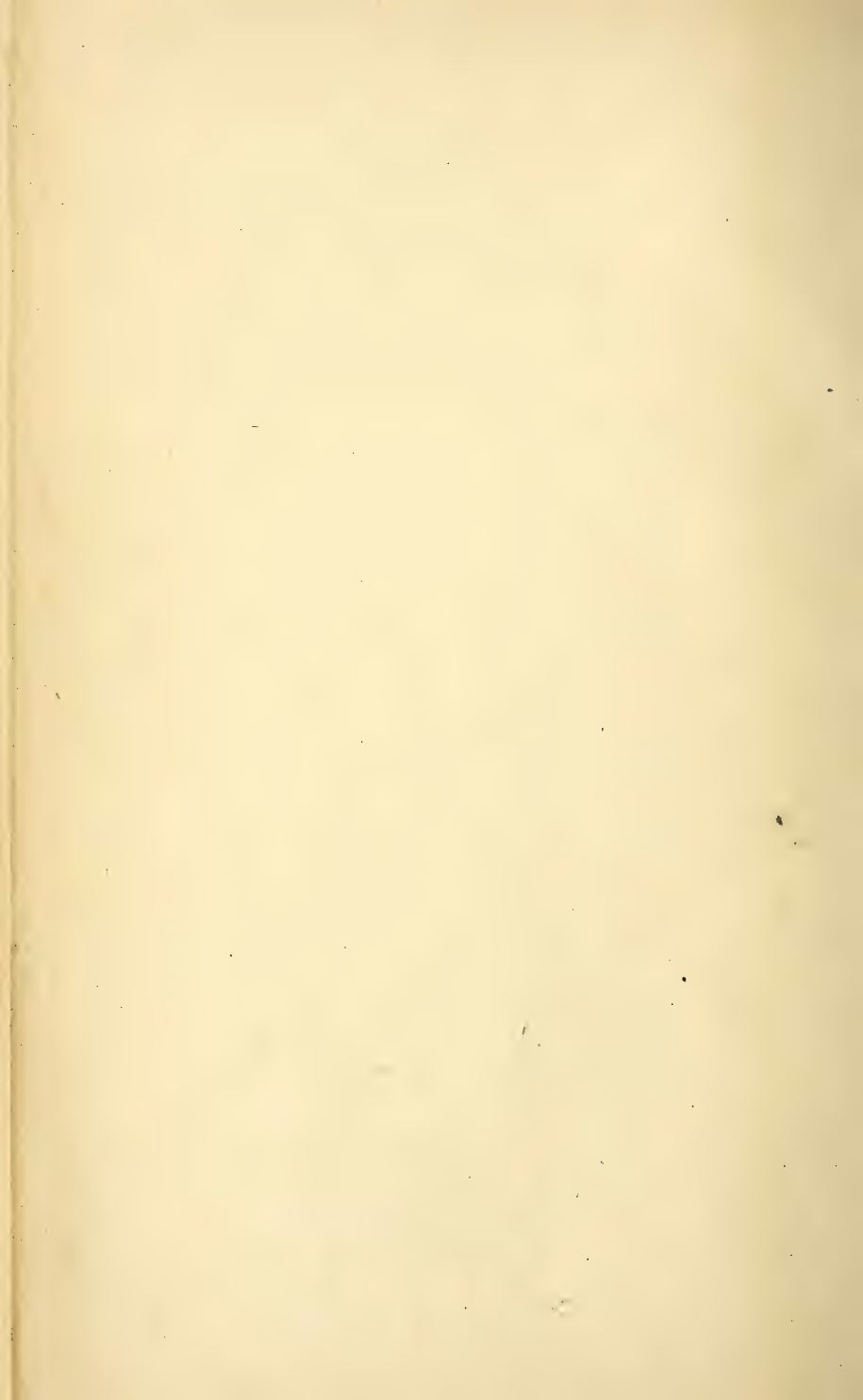
cessors, whose ministries antedate the organization of the Classis over sixty years, and all of their immediate successors (save two, Welker and Ingold) Crooks, Lantz, Butler, Sorbor and Fetzner, are heard no more, but voices from their silent tombs, and from the ancient churches in which they preached, urge those who follow them to go forward.



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Statistics for 1890-91.

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MINUTES
NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

Sixty-Second Annual Session

HELD AT

HEDRICK'S GROVE CHAPEL,

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OFFICERS OF CLASSIS.

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THE NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

Minutes of 1892.

The Classis of North Carolina met with the congregation of Hedrick Grove Chapel, in Davidson county, N. C., to hold its sixty-second annual session.

This is a newly organized Reformed congregation, having completed a comfortable house of worship. The building is a two story frame structure, designed to be used on the first story as an academy with three class rooms, while the second story is the audience room and place of worship. The whole structure and its purpose are quite creditable to the community and carries the old Reformed church idea of the parochial school and the house of God. Here is a fine farming country, and this well-to-do people welcomed the Classis of North Carolina with cheerful and bounteous hospitality. The weather was propitious, the Classis was well represented and it was made an occasion of rejoicing. Only one drawback was felt.—The congregation has no pastor. This great need was all that marred the occasion. Here is a field that opens an inviting opportunity for an energetic man, who would do good and see the work of the Lord prosper in his hands. The membership is composed of young people who are looking up, active and ready to take hold and work. They only need a discreet and Godly leader to follow—in whom they can confide. The youth and children assure a population that for years will crowd the school and furnish material for the growth of the congregation. The Lower Davidson charge is a country charge, and Hedrick's Grove is about six miles from Lexington, the shire town of Davidson county, and has a daily mail. Here is where on Thursday morning, April 28, 1892, at ten o'clock, the Classis of North Carolina opened its sixty-second annual session with sermon by Rev. J. H. Shuford from 2 Tim., 7 and 8—"I have fought a

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good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing" - at the request of the President of the Classis. After the sermon the President constituted the Classis with singing and prayer.

On the roll being called the following ministers and elders properly accredited were found present: Ministers—G. Wm. Welker, John Ingle, J. C. Clapp, P. M. Trexler, M. L. Hedrick, Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lyerly and D. P. Lefever. Elders—Z. M. Faust, J. R. Woods, A. S. Hedrick, P. J. Leonard, D. A. Long, J. A. Peeler, Geo. Klutz, H. H. Fink, R. T. Lippard, P. E. Campbell, H. A. Forney, S. T. Wilfong and William McComb.

An election was held for the President for the ensuing year, which resulted in the choice of Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp. Recess was now had for one hour. Closed with benediction and doxology.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 28TH.

Classis resumed business after recess. Prayer by Rev. D. P. Lefever.

The President defined the bar of the house to be the seats on both sides of the pulpit and two seats in front of it. The Rev. J. H. Shuford, of the Classis of Virginia, being present, was invited to a seat as an advisory member. The following elders being present were also invited to seats: Jno. I. Black, Eli Hedrick, Allen Hedrick, Jefferson Hedrick, Stimpson Grimes, Obed Swing and Wesley Hedrick.

A copy of the "Reformed Church Hymnal" was referred to Revs. P. M. Trexler, J. L. Murphy and Elder P. J. Leonard for examination.

The President announced the following standing committees:

1. RELIGIOUS SERVICES—J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard with Elder Leonard.

2. MINUTES OF CLASSIS—G. Wm. Welker, John Ingle with Elder Fink.

3. MINUTES OF POTOMAC SYNOD—Barringer, Lyerly with Elder Faust.

4. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD—Lefever, Murphy with Elder Woods.
5. OVERTURES—Trexler, Ingle, with Elder Leonard.
6. EXAMINATION—Welker, Trexler, with Elder Campbell.
7. NOMINATIONS—Lefever, Murphy, with Elder Woods.
8. FINANCE—Elders Forney, Long, Wilfong and Lipard.
9. RELIGION AND STATISTICS—Murphy, Lefever, with Elder Leonard.

On motion the hearing of the pastoral reports was taken up and completed and referred to the committee on religion and statistics.

It was ordered that the Classis meet at 8:30 o'clock a. m., have recess of 45 minutes at noon and adjourn at 5 p. m.

Consideration of the action of the special meeting of Classis at Newton on the Theological professorship in Catawba College was made the order of the day for tomorrow immediately after recess.

The committee on the minutes of Classis reported. The report was considered by items, as follows: Your committee finds the following items on the minutes of Classis that may claim the attention of your reverend body, viz:

- ITEM 1—page 125. Consistories required to report the names of delegates with their seconds to the stated clerk twenty days before the annual meeting of Classis.
- 2—page 125. Pastors and Consistories required to report all money collected to the treasurer of Classis by the 15th of April, annually.
- 3—page 127. A committee to organize congregation in Rowan.
- 4—page 127. Arrearages due the late pastor by Alamanace charge.
- 5—page 127. A committee to equalize apportionments.
- 6—page 127. Pledge made to St. Pauls church (Enochville.)
- 7—page 126. Committee on Barton church property.
- 8—page 128. Home mission apportionment.

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- ITEM 9—page 128. Harbor mission and contingent apportionment.
 10—page 129. Ministers to preach on Sabbath observance.
 11—page 130. Committee to install Rev. J. L. Murphy.
 12—page 130. Treasurer to pay \$100 to pastor of C. Rowan charge.
 13—page 131. Minutes of Classis 1,000 copies to be published.
 14—page 131. Pledge to Moffitt's Grove mission.
 15—page 132. Report of delegates to the Potomac Synod.
 16—page 132. Committee on division of Catawba charge.
 17—page 137. Candidate C. A. Starr placed under Dr. Welker.
 18—page 138. Committee on the semi-centennial of Guilford charge.
 19—page 138. Pastors and Consistories to report number of minutes received.
 20—page 138. Committee to install Rev. D. P. Lefever.
 21—page 129. Committee to examine applicants for the care of Classis.

The several items of this report were disposed of as follows: Item 1 was re-iterated; item 2 was re-enacted with the time extended to April 15th; item 3, reported as attended to; item 4, referred to Elders J. R. Woods and Z. M. Faust to adjust the matter in question; item 5, laid on the table as impracticable; item 6, paid; item 7, postponed for future consideration; item 8, the hour of adjournment being at hand the report was laid on the table until tomorrow.

Rev. Paul Barringer was given leave of absence to bury a member of his church.

Closed with doxology and benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 29TH.

Classis met as ordered; was opened with fifteen minutes' devotional service, after which the minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved.

The report on the minutes of Classis was taken from the table and its consideration resumed.

Items 8 and 9 were laid over until the committee on the minutes of Potomac Synod should report. Item 10, partially attended to; items 11 and 13, attended to; item 12, paid; item 14, the sum unprovided for, ordered to be apportioned; item 15, reported an interesting meeting; item 16, to be reported through the committee on overtures; item 17, Murphy, Leonard and Lysterly appointed to prepare memorial resolution; item 18, reported a very interesting and profitable occasion; item 19, neglected; item 20, attended to; item 21, the committee continued and Elder Wilfong appointed in the room of Elder Murrill, deceased.

The committee on overtures reported. The report as amended follows:

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: Item 1, an action of the joint consistory of Hickory charge in reference to a theological school in connection with Catawba College, and also resolutions of the Catawba charge in relation to the same matter; item 2, a resolution of the consistory of Catawba charge favoring a division of said charge; item 3, a letter proposing to build a Reformed church at Cedar Falls, Randolph county; item 4, a petition from Bethany congregation asking aid to complete their new house of worship; item 5, a letter from Rev. Jesse Richards to Classis; item 6, the parochial report of Rev. A. R. Holshouser; item 7, a request of the same asking that the pastoral relation between himself and the Lower Davidson charge be dissolved; item 8, a request of the same asking a dismission to the Classis of Wichita, Kansas; item 9, a report from Mr. M. A. Holshouser, a student for the ministry; item 10, the action of the consistory of Calvary church (Moffitt's Grove); item 11, action of the same in reference to a Reformed church in Davidson county; item 12, action of the general consistory of the Upper Davidson charge about the same matter; item 13, central Rowan charge asks aid on the pastor's salary; item 14, the same charge sets forth their condition and place themselves in the hands of Classis; item 15, Bethany church asks such disposition of it by Classis that they be provided with preaching; item 16, a request of the pastor of Alamance charge asking that his charge be released from certain apportionments; item 17, a request of the same charge respecting the Shuhmaker property; item 18, a call from the Lincoln charge for the pastoral services of Rev. J. M. L. Lysterly; item 19, a call

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from the West Rowan charge for the pastoral services of Rev. Dr. Trexler.

This report was considered by items and the action on the several items follows: Item 1 is the special order for the afternoon. Item 2, the report of the committee adopted and the charge divided, the country congregation to be the Catawba charge and the Newton congregation the Newton charge; the Classis, however, does not pledge itself for aid in the salary of the pastor of the Catawba charge. Item 3, the Rev. J. C. Leonard, together with Mr. A. S. Faust, were appointed to examine into the feasibility of Classis undertaking missionary work at or near Cedar Falls, and report to the Classis; report laid on the table until after sermon by Rev. J. M. L. Lysterly and recess.

FRIDAY AFTER RECESS, APRIL 29TH, 1892.

Rev. Jesse W. Cecil appeared in his seat and Elder D. A. Long, of Calvary church, was recognized as an advisory member.

The order of the day, item 4 of the report of the committee on overtures was disposed of by the following resolution: Resolved that this Classis hears with pleasure the willingness of the Synod of the Potomac to co-operate with this Classis in establishing a theological department in connection with Catawba College; that we authorize Synod to furnish said theological department with sufficient endowment for one professorship. This resolution was passed by a vote of 18 ayes to 2 nays.

Items 5 and 6 were referred to the committee on religion and statistics; items 7 and 8, requests granted; items 9 and 10, adopted, and the committee continued with Elder Wilfong to fill the place of Elder Murrill, deceased; items 11 and 12, Calvary congregation was made part of the Upper Davidson charge, yet not so as to give it any right to the property of the parsonage belonging to the Upper Davidson charge; item 13, laid over for the present; item 14, Revs. Barringer and Trexler to supply the charge with preaching; item 15, the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. M. L. Lysterly and the Central Rowan charge was dissolved and the charge declared vacant; item 16, made part of the Central Rowan charge; item 17, not granted; item 18, the committee reported favorably on the call and it was confirmed, and Revs. Murphy, Foil and Ingold were designated

a committee to install the pastor; item 19, the call found in order, was confirmed by Classis, and Revs. Barringer, Lyerly and Cecil were appointed to install the pastor.

The committee on the minutes of General Synod (special session) made report as follows:

Your committee beg leave to offer the following report: Item 1, page 17 of the minutes of the special session.—The General Synod refers the form of a constitution for the proposed Federal Synod with certain recommendations to the several Classes. Respectfully submitted,

D. P. LEFEVER, for Committee.

This constitution was approved and the report adopted.

The committee on nominations made their report. It was amended and as adopted follows, viz:

1. Trustees of Catawba for three years—Rev. J. A. Foil, L. R. Weidner, S. M. Finger, Rev. P. M. Trexler, P. W. Weidner and W. E. Deal; to fill the unexpired term of J. F. Murrill, S. T. Wilfong; to fill the unexpired term of Rev. C. B. Heller, D. M. Carpenter.

2. Delegates to the Synod of the Potomac—Ministers J. A. Foil, J. M. L. Lyerly, P. M. Trexler and J. W. Cecil, Elders S. T. Wilfong, P. J. Leonard, D. M. Carpenter and R. T. Lippard. Seconds—Ministers J. C. Leonard, J. L. Murphy, John Ingle and Paul Barringer, Elders J. R. Woods, J. W. Robinson, H. D. Warlick and H. A. Forney.

Treasurer of Classis—Col. H. A. Forney.

Rev. G. Wm. Welker, who, for many successive years had been a trustee of Catawba College, tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and the Rev. Paul Barringer appointed to fill the unexpired term.

A bill of \$3.20 for postage and expense charges; the salary of the stated clerk, \$20; expenses of Rev. J. C. Leonard, \$20; of Rev. J. L. Murphy, \$22—as delegates to the meeting of Potomac Synod—were ordered to be paid by the treasurer.

Voted that Classis have a session for business tonight to begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Ordered that 1,000 copies of the minutes of Classis be printed and that \$40 be apportioned for that purpose, of which \$10 be paid for the preparation of the manuscript.

Revs. Leonard, Hedrick and Cecil were excused from attendance at the night session; Revs. John Ingle, J. L.

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Murphy and Elder Campbell were excused from attendance after the night session.

The committee on the state of religion and statistics reported. The report was amended and as adopted follows: FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—From the reports placed in our hands we have gathered the following facts: During the past year the Lord has blessed our Classis in that the lives of all the ministers have been spared and their health preserved. The Word has been faithfully preached, the Sacraments regularly administered, the children carefully catechised, and members properly introduced into the church. The Sunday school work has been carried forward with commendable zeal. Prayer service has been held in some congregations. The family altar has been erected in some homes, but this duty is not attended to as it should be. Every home should have the altar, from which should go up the morning and evening sacrifice. There has been a falling off in the number of the confirmations. Some of the charges report no confirmations at all, while others report very few. There is a disposition on the part of many members to contribute nothing to the support of the ministry. This is wrong. There should be no such distinction as "paying" and "non-paying" members. The want of ministers has greatly crippled our work. Several charges have been vacant and the people suffering for the want of a pastor. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. The practical question with Clas is how to supply these charges with preaching. While none of the ministers have been called home, many of the members have died—among the number, Elders John F. Murrill, of Hickory charge, Joshua Clapp and Levi May, of Guilford charge, and H. A. Barrier, of Concord charge, have passed away. Our loss is their gain. Comparing the present with the last year, we believe the church has made progress, and encouraged in our work we commit all to the care of the Master. Respectfully submitted.

J. L. MURPHY,
P. J. LEONARD,
D. P. LEFEVER.

Adjourned with doxology and benediction.

NIGHT SESSION, APRIL 29TH.

Classis, being called to order by the president, was opened with singing, and prayer by Rev. John Ingle.

The treasurer of Classis made report of his contingent account, which was referred to the finance committee. It follows with his report on Classis' benevolent contributions Mt. Bethel mission was placed in care of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

The committee on the minutes of Potomac Synod made report. It was amended and considered by items as follows: The committee on the minutes of the Synod of the Potomac would call the attention of Classis to the following items: Item 1, page 66, \$554 are apportioned to N. C. Classis for home missions. Item 2, page 66, \$61 for church building. Item 3, page 66, \$35 for Mercersburg College. Item 4, page 66, \$30 in aid of the Hungarian mission. Item 5, page 67, \$30 for contingent fund. Item 6, page 67, \$30 for arrearages due seminary at Lancaster, Pa. Item 7, page 67, \$10 arrearages due Hungarian mission. Item 8, page 67, \$20 due on harbor mission. Item 9, page 72, stated clerks instructed. Respectfully submitted.

J. M. L. LYERLY, Chairman.

Of item 1, Classis voted to assume \$250 for home missions. Items 2, 3, 7 and 8, the sums apportioned were not assumed. Item 4, agreed to pay \$30 to the Hungarian mission. Item 5: agreed to pay \$20 to the contingent fund. Item 6, assumed by Dr. Trexler. Item 9, adopted. The report as a whole was then adopted.

REVISION OF CHURCH REGISTERS.

Whereas, The pastoral reports complain largely of members who neglect the duties of working Christians, and yet whose names cumber the registers of their several congregations; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the consistories of the congregations of Classis be instructed to revise their church registers in accordance with Article 115 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that all persons who refuse or fail, having the ability, to perform the duties of church members, or who have removed beyond the jurisdiction of the consistory, that their names be dropped from the register of membership.

Voted that the sum of \$100 be apportioned to the several congregations by the committee on finance, to be used to aid students for the ministry under the care of Classis.

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Item 13 of the report of the committee on overtures, being the request of the Central Rowan charge for aid in their pastor's salary, was taken from the table, when it was ordered that upon the charge raising \$350 for the salary Classis donate \$50 of the \$250 to be raised for home missions, making the salary \$400.

Item 4 of the same report, being the request of the Bethany congregation for aid in completing their house of worship, was taken up, and it was ordered that \$50 be given them in two years, and advise the congregation to borrow the \$50 now that they may need on their personal credit, and Classis agree to the interest on that sum if borrowed.

Adjourned until Saturday morning. Closed with benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 30TH.

Classis was called to order by the president, and opened with fifteen minutes' devotional service conducted by Rev. D. P. Lefever.

The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

Burlington, Alamance county, N. C., was selected as the place for holding the next annual meeting of the Classis of North Carolina, and Wednesday before the first Lord's day in May, 1893, at 11 a. m., the time of meeting.

The committee to whom it was given to make some note of the death of the late C. A. Starr made the following report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Classis, having heard of the death of Mr. C. A. Starr, a theological student under the care of this Classis, tender his bereaved wife our Christian sympathy.

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to this strange Providence of our heavenly Father, knowing that He doeth all things well.

A communication from Rev. C. B. Heller, claiming pay for expenses in attending the meeting of the Synod of the Potomac as delegate's second, was received and by a vote was laid on the table.

The trustees of Catawba College made their annual report, which was read and ordered to be placed on file.

Adjourned until after service by Dr. Trexler.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 30TH.

After recess Classis resumed business with prayer by Rev. M. L. Hedrick.

An appeal was made for \$100 to aid in building a Reformed church at Burlington, to be paid annually in two installments. It was granted.

The interest of the Reformed church at Conover, Catawba county, was committed to the oversight of Rev. Dr. Clapp, with authority to organize a congregation in that place, if deemed advisable.

The committee on religious service completed its report, which as adopted follows: Service Thursday night at 7:30 by Rev. D. P. Lefever; Friday morning, 11 o'clock, by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly; Saturday morning, 11 o'clock, by Rev. Dr. Trexler; Saturday at 7:30 p. m., Y. M. C. A. service, Elder Forney to preside—Address, "Young Men to the Front," by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly—"Young Men's Work for Young Men," by Rev. J. C. Leonard; Address before Sunday school by Rev. D. P. Lefever; Sunday morning, 11 o'clock, service by Rev. Dr. Clapp—at same hour in the grove by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly; at 1:30 p. m., service by Rev. Dr. Trexler—at same hour in the grove by Rev. D. P. Lefever, Sunday night, 7:30 o'clock, in M. E. church, Thomasville; by Rev. Dr. Clapp; closing service of Classis by Rev. M. L. Hedrick; address by Rev. G. Wm. Welker; Apostles' creed, Lord's prayer, doxology by congregation, and benediction by the president.

Mount Tabor congregation was committed to the care of Rev. M. L. Hedrick.

The stated clerk, who had served Classis in that office for forty-six years in succession, tendered his resignation, which was accepted by Classis by the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Classis appreciates the services of Dr. Welker for forty-six years; that we have unlimited confidence in his ability as an officer of Classis and as a correct parliamentarian; that it is only with kindly consideration for his advancing age that we accept his resignation; that we pray God's richest benediction upon him, and that he may be spared many years yet to our church and the North Carolina Classis.

An election was then held to fill the vacant stated clerkship, when Rev. J. C. Leonard was elected to that office.

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The treasurer of Classis made his report of the contingent fund and of the contributions for the benevolent work of Classis, which were all referred to the committee on finance.

The committee on finance reported and the report as adopted follows: We, the undersigned Classis committee on finance, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of the treasurer of Classis, and compared the vouchers with the same, and find them true and correct.

S. T. WILFONG,
R. T. LIPPARD,
D. A. LONG.

TREASURER'S REPORT—CONTINGENT FUND.

Balance due Classis at settlement	\$ 27 46
Arreages of Catawba charge	12 40
The several assessments last year.....	201 50

Whole amount of the fund.....	\$241 36
Of this sum paid out on order of Classis.....	205 98

Balance now in the treasury.....	\$ 35 38
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HOME MISSIONS.

Due Classis at last settlement	\$ 41 55
Received during the year from congregations	255 97

Total	\$297 52
Paid treasurer Home Mis. B'd.. \$145 00	
Paid Rev. Lyerly, order Classis. 100 00=	245 00

In the treasury a balance of.....	\$ 52 52
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BENEFICIARY EDUCATION

Balance in treasury at settlement	\$28 92
Received from congregations during the year.....	91 90

	\$120 82
Paid out to several beneficiary students	98 25

Balance in treasury	\$22 57
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CHURCH EXTENSION.

Balance due Classis at last settlement	\$ 78 10
Received from congregations	104 50
	\$182 60
Paid out on order of Classis.....	125 00
Due Classis	\$ 57 60

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Due Classis at settlement	\$ 43 37
Received from the Church	169 94
	\$213 41
Paid treasurer of Foreign Missions	209 88
In treasury	\$ 3 53

APPORTIONMENTS—1892-93.

The committee on finance made the following assessments to meet the demands of the Classis for the next year:

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

West Rowan charge, \$13.00; East Rowan, \$20; Central Rowan, \$9; Upper Davidson, \$25; Lower Davidson, \$13; Guilford, \$20; Alamance, \$5; Catawba, \$12; Lincoln, \$14; Hickory, \$12; Concord, \$13; Newton, \$10; Mt. Bethel mission, \$1.50; Mt. Tabor mission, \$1.50—Total, \$169.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

West Rowan charge, \$18.75; East Rowan, \$31.25; Central Rowan, \$18.75; Upper Davidson, \$37.50; Lower Davidson, \$18.75; Guilford, \$25; Alamance, \$7.50; Catawba, \$18.75; Lincoln, \$25; Hickory, \$18.75; Concord, \$18.75; Newton, \$15; Mt. Bethel mission, \$2.50; Mt. Tabor mission, \$2.50—Total, \$203.

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BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

West Rowan charge, \$7.50; East Rowan, \$12.50; Central Rowan, \$5; Upper Davidson, \$15; Lower Davidson, \$7.50; Guilford, \$10; Alamance, \$3; Catawba, \$7.50; Lincoln, \$10; Hickory, \$7.50; Concord, \$7.50; Newton, \$6; Mount Bethel mission, \$1; Mt. Tabor mission, \$1—Total, \$101.

HOME MISSIONS.

West Rowan charge, \$20; East Rowan, \$30; Central Rowan, \$14; Upper Davidson, \$38; Lower Davidson, \$20; Guilford, \$25; Alamance, \$7; Catawba, \$18; Hickory, \$18; Lincoln, \$22; Concord, \$20; Newton, \$15; Mount Bethel mission, \$2; Mt. Tabor mission, \$2—Total, \$251.

The following resolution was adopted with hearty unanimity :

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina take this method to express its thanks for the bounteous hospitality extended to its members by the good people of Hedrick's Grove Chapel, and ordered that this resolution be read from the desk tomorrow.

After the Classis had united in the repetition of the creed, Lord's prayer and the doxology, the president pronounced the benediction, and declared Classis adjourned, after a most pleasant and profitable meeting.

GEORGE W. M. WELKER,
Stated Clerk N. C. C.

COLLECTIONS.

Collections for the benevolent work of Classis are made by the several congregations as follows :

CHURCH EXTENSION—During the month of June.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION—During the month of September.

HOME MISSIONS—During the month of December.

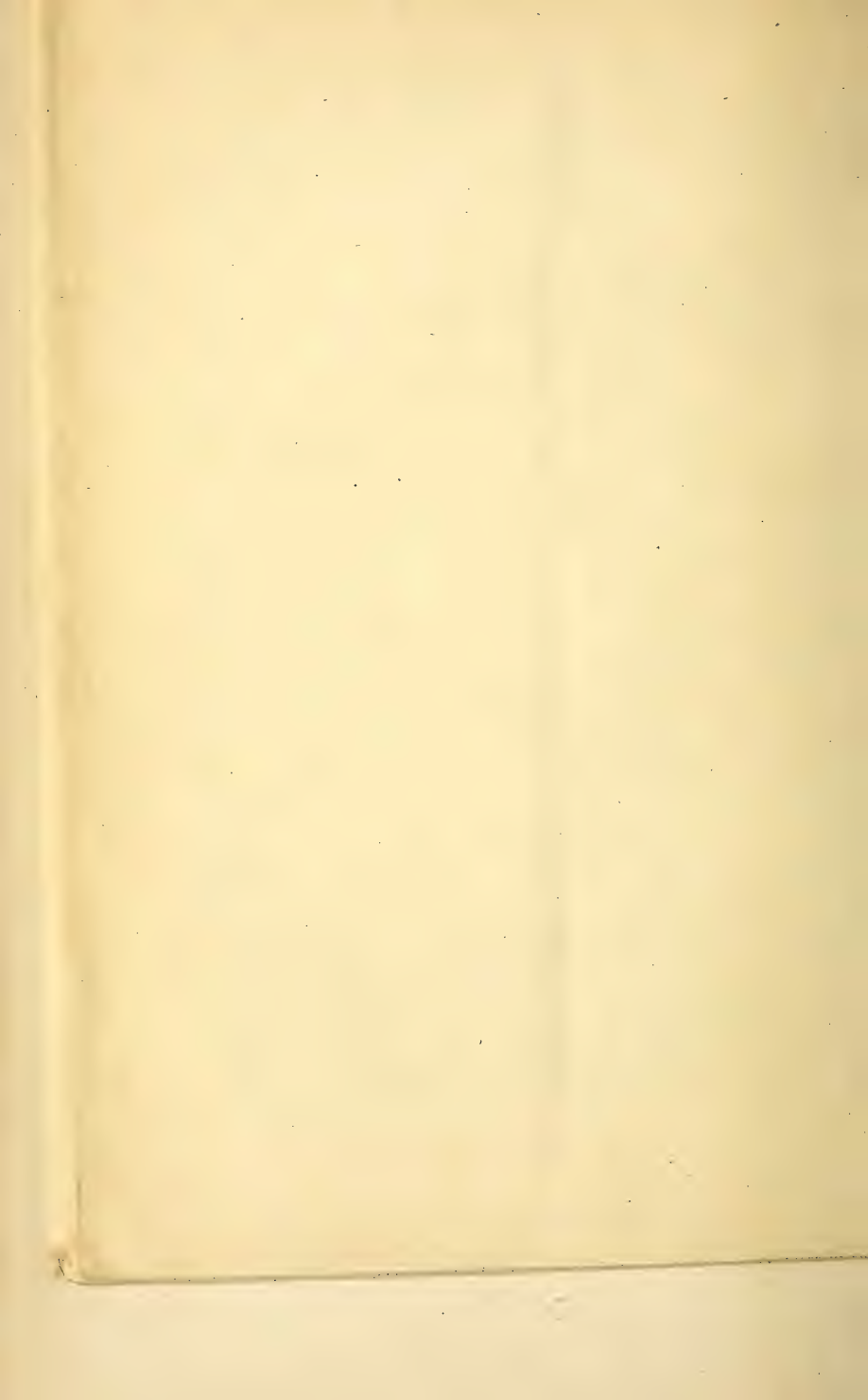
FOREIGN MISSIONS—During the month of March.

N. B. :—All moneys to be sent to the treasurer by the 15th of the following April.

Roll of Ministers and Statistics of the Congregations.

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—IN THE—

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SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

—HELD AT—

BETHEL CHURCH

—OF THE—

HICKORY CHARGE,

CATAWBA COUNTY.

May 3—6, 1893.

OFFICERS OF CLASSIS

PRESIDENT: Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Maiden, N. C.

STATED CLERK: Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, N. C.

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THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINUTES OF 1893.

The Classis of North Carolina convened in annual session at Bethel church, Catawba county, on Wednesday, May 3rd, A. D., 1893 at eleven o'clock, A. M. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. D. P. Lefever from John XVI: 14. After the sermon the President, Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., constituted Classis with singing and prayer. The roll being called the following ministers and elders, properly accredited, were found to be present, viz: J. C. Clapp, J. L. Murphy, J. M. L. Lyerly and D. P. Lefever. Elders, G. W. Clapp, T. L. Hunsucker, J. W. Deal, J. W. Robinson, H. L. Clodfelter, J. A. Caster, Daniel Huffman, H. D. Warlick, J. H. Moose and S. L. Bollinger.

An election for President for the ensuing year was held which resulted in the choice of the Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly. A recess for one hour was taken, and the morning session closed with the doxology and benediction.

Wednesday Afternoon—May, 3rd—Classis resumed business after the noon recess. A hymn was sung, and prayer was offered by Mr. James D. Andrew. The President defined the bar of the house to be two pews on the right and three in front of the pulpit.

The following standing committees were announced by the President:

1. RELIGIOUS SERVICES—J. L. Murphy, D. P. Lefever, and Elder J. A. Caster.
2. MINUTES OF CLASSIS—J. C. Leonard, and Elders J. W. Deal and G. W. Clapp.
3. MINUTES OF POTOMAC SYNOD—D. P. Lefever, A. H. Smith, and Elder H. L. Clodfelter.
4. OVERTURES—J. C. Clapp, P. Barringer, and Elder Daniel Huffman.

5. EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE—J. L. Murphy, Paul Barringer, and Elder H. D. Warlick.

6. NOMINATIONS—P. Barringer, J. C. Clapp, and Elder S. L. Bollinger,

7. FINANCE—Elders H. A. Forney, J. W. Robinson and J. H. Moose.

8. RELIGION AND STATISTICS—J. C. Clapp, D. P. Lefever, and Elder T. L. Hunsucker.

The Rev. J. H. Shuford of Virginia Classis and Elder J. S. Whitener being present were invited to seats as advisory members.

The Revs. Paul Barringer and J. C. Leonard appeared and took their seats.

On motion the reading of the parochial reports was taken up, and when completed the reports were referred to the committee on Religion and Statistics.

The Rev. Thomas Long was excused for absence on account of age and infirmity, and the Rev. J. L. Murphy was appointed to extend the sympathy of Classis to father Long.

Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., Paul Barringer, and Elder J. W. Robinson were appointed a committee to draft a memorial of the late Dr. J. Ingold.

Classis voted to meet daily at 9 o'clock, A. M., and adjourn at 4 o'clock, P. M., with a recess of an hour at noon.

The session closed with the doxology and benediction.

Thursday Morning—May, 4th—Devotional services were conducted by the President. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

Elders Allen Hedrick of the Lower Davidson charge and A. F. Heilman of the Concord charge presented their credentials and were admitted to their seats. Elder Richard Fleming of West Rowan charge was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The committee to draft a memorial of Dr. Ingold made the following report which was adopted by a rising vote:—

WHEREAS Dr. Jeremiah Ingold, born of German ancestors in Guilford county, N. C., Sept. 25th, 1816. after a faithful ministry of half a century in the Reformed church in his native State, was on the second Lord's day in February, 1893, translated from the church militant to the church triumphant, therefore be it RESOLVED:—

That we humbly and gratefully submit to the all-wise ordering of our Gracious Father in our sore bereavement and loss to the church of a wise counselor, and able preacher of the Word, a learned and profound expounder of the Holy Scriptures, a bold and fearless advocate of the truth, a faithful pastor, a venerable father in Israel, and a dearly beloved friend. And further, that we pray that his mantle may fall on the younger ministers of the Classis of North Carolina.

The committee on the Minutes of Classis made the following report, and the report was taken up by items as follows:

Your committee on the Minutes of Classis find the following items claiming the consideration of your body, viz:

ITEM 1—page 144. Reiteration of action requiring consistories to report the names of delegates elected, together with the secundi, twenty days before the meeting of Classis.

ITEM 2—page 145. Reenactment of action requiring consistories to report all monies collected to the Treasurer of Classis by the 15th of April, annually.

ITEM 3—page 145. Settlement of arrearages due the late pastor by the Alamance charge referred to Elders J. R. Woods and Z. M. Faust.

ITEM 4—page 145. Committee to examine applicants for the care of Classis.

ITEM 5—page 147. Rev. J. C. Leonard and Mr. A. S. Faust appointed to examine into the feasibility of Classis undertaking missionary work near Cedar Falls, Randolph county.

ITEM 6—page 147. Revs. Barringer and Trexler appointed a committee of supply for the Central Rowan charge.

ITEM 7—page 147. Revs. Murphy, Foil and Dr. Ingold to install the Rev. J. M. L. Lysterly pastor of the Lincoln charge.

ITEM 8—page 148. Report of delegates to Potomac Synod.

ITEM 9—page 148. One thousand copies of the minutes of Classis to be printed.

ITEM 10—page 150. Action with reference to revision of church registers.

ITEM 11—page 150. Fifty dollars to be appropriated to Central Rowan charge, on certain conditions.

ITEM 12—page 150. Fifty dollars to be appropriated to the Bethany congregation to complete its house of worship and interest on certain conditions.

ITEM 13—page 151. Fifty dollars to be paid in two annual installments towards the erection of a church in Burlington.

ITEM 14—page 151. Revs. Barringer, Lyerly and Cecil appointed to install Rev. P. M. Ttexler, D. D., pastor of the West Rowan charge.

ITEM 15—page 151. J. C. Clapp, D. D., appointed to organize a congregation at Conover.

ITEM 16—page 152. Mt. Tabor mission committed to the care of the Rev. M. L. Hedrick.

ITEM 17—page 156. Revs. Clapp, Foil and Murphy appointed to ordain licentiate A. H. Smith and install him pastor of the Newton charge.

The several items of this report were disposed of as follows: Item 1 was reiterated; item 2 was laid over until the Treasurer appears; item 3—no report before Classis, and the committee is continued with instructions to report at the next annual meeting of Classis; item 4 was laid on the table until the committee is ready to report; item 5—duty not attended to, and committee is continued; item 6 laid on the table until the chairman appears; item 7 reported as attended to; item 8 laid on the table for the present; item 9, duty attended to; item 10 was reiterated, and consistories which have not complied with the request are asked to attend to the matter; item 11, conditions not fulfilled and money not called for; item 12 was laid on the table until Treasurer makes his report; item 13 was laid on the table, items 14 and 15 reported attended to; item 16 was laid on the table,

till committee on Overtures reports; item 17 was reported as attended to.

Item 4 of the above report was called up when the committee made the following report which was adopted:

Your committee beg leave to report that Mr. W. H. McNairy, a student of Catawba College, made application for aid, placing himself under the care of Classis; the committee granted him aid to the extent of \$50.00; and the committee recommend that Bro. McNairy be received under the care of Classis as a Beneficiary student.

Classis now adjourned until after the sermon by the Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly and the noon recess.

Thursday Afternoon—May, 4th—Classis was opened with singing and prayer. Elder M. L. McCorkle and the Rev. A. H. Smith appeared in their seats. The Rev. Ernest Clapp of the Reformed Church in America being present was invited to a seat.

Item 2 of the report of the committee on the Minutes of Classis was taken up and the following action taken: The item is reiterated and the special attention of consistories called to it.

The committee on Overtures made the following report: Your committee on Overtures beg leave to report as follows: Item 1, a request from the Rev. Jesse Richards for his dismissal to the Congregational Association of Ohio; item 2, a notification from the Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions that the appropriation to the Alamance Mission will be discontinued, and a request that Classis provide for it; item 3, a request from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions that Classis assess the churches for the foreign work; item 4, report of the Rev. M. L. Hedreck on Mt. Tabor mission; item 5, a request from the elders and deacons of Central Rowan charge; item 6, a request of the Bethany congregation of the Central Rowan charge; item 7, a petition from Mt. Bethel mission for aid; item 8, an appeal from the Upper Davidson charge for a reduction of *pro rata* apportionments; item 9, a report of W. H. McNairy, student for

the ministry, and a request for aid during his Senior year in Catawba College; item 10, a communication from Bethany Orphan's Home; item 11, counter petitions from East Rowan charge.

The report was considered item by item and the action on the several items was as follows: Item 1, the request was granted; item 2 was referred to a special committee; item 3, RESOLVED that the Foreign work be called to the serious notice of pastors and consistories; items 4 and 5 referred to the special committee on Alamançe charge; items 6 and 7 were referred to a special committee on Finance; item 9 was adopted and the request granted; item 10 was adopted; item 11, the Rev. J. L. Murphy was appointed referee to meet the Joint Consistories and adjust existing differences.

The committee called for in item 6 of the above report consists of the Revs. Dr. J. C. Clapp, D. P. Lelever and Elder J. W. Robinson. The committee called for in item 4 consists of Revs. A. H. Smith, J. L. Murphy, Paul Barringer and Elders Clapp and Heilman.

The Board of Trustees of Catawba College made their annual report which was read and placed of file.

New Gilead of the Concord charge, Cabarrus county North Carolina was chosen as the place of the next annual meeting of Classis, and Wednesday before the second Lord's day in May, 1894. at eleven o'clock, A. M. as the time.

Classis now adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

Friday Morning—May, 5th—Classis was opened with the reading of Scripture, hymn and prayer by the Rev. Paul Barringer. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and approved. Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D. and Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., appeared and took their seats. Elders S. T. Wilfong and P. W. Whitener were invited to seats as advisory members.

The Treasurer of Classis made a report of his contingent account, and it was referred to the committee on Finance. This report will be found with the Treasurer's report of be-

nevolent contributions. The Stated Clerk's salary, \$20.00, postage expenses, \$2.50, and \$20.00 to Dr. Trexler as delegate to Potomac Synod were ordered paid.

The committee on the Minutes of Potomac Synod made their report which as amended follows. Your committee respectfully offers the following report: Item 1, Dr. Trexler represented Classis at Synod; item 2, Synod's action respecting the theological professorship in connection with Catawba College; item 3, Synod calls the attention of Classis to certain irregularities; item 4, recommendation of Synod respecting Japan missions; item 5, concerning apportionments of Classis; item 6, arrearages; item 7, Sunday-school work; item 8, Synod reminds Classis, ministers and consistories of our church life and church work; item 9, Classes are recommended to take due notice of the centennial of the Society for the relief of Ministers and their widows; item 10, Classes are directed not to receive defective or imperfect statistical reports; item 11, time and place of next annual meeting of Potomac Synod.

The several items were disposed of as follows: Item 1, satisfactory report given; items 2, 3 and 4 adopted. The report was laid on the table until after the sermon by the Rev. J. H. Shuford and the noon recess.

Friday Afternoon—May, 5th—The report of the committee on the Minutes of Potomac Synod was taken up, item 5, (a) that portion which has reference to Home missions apportionment was laid on the table for the present; (b) \$85.00 for theological professorship; (c) \$31.00 for Hungarian Missions and (d) \$59.00 for contingencies were assumed; item 6 was laid on the table; items 7, 8 and 9 were adopted; item 10 was not adopted; item 11 was adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole.

The committee on Nominations made the following report: Your committee on Nominations beg leave to report: Delegates to Potomac Synod, Primarii: Ministers, J. C. Leonard, J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp and D. P. Lefever;

Elders J. H. Moose, M. L. McCorkle, A. F. Heilman and H. C. Warlick. Secundi: Ministers, J. M. L. Lyerly, P. M. Trexler, D. D., A. H. Smith and M. L. Hedrick; Elders, H. A. Forney, P. J. Leonard, G. W. Clapp and J. W. Deal.

Delegates to General Synod: Primarii Ministers, J. L. Murphy and J. C. Leonard; Elders, D. M. Carpenter and S. M. Finger. Secundi: Ministers, A. H. Smith and P. M. Trexler, D. D.; Elders, J. C. Lippard and Wm. Deal.

Trustees of Catawba College: Paul Baringer, H. A. Forney, J. L. Murphy, S. T. Willong, M. L. McCorkle and A. A. Shuford. Treasurer of Classis: Col. H. A. Forney. This report was adopted.

The special committee on the Alamance charge made its report, and Classis took the following action: 1. Classis can not grant the request of the board of Home Missions to be relieved of the Alamance Mission, and most respectfully petitions the Board to continue the appropriation and, in case of a vacancy, provide the charge with a suitable pastor. 2. Classis has no constitutional right to send the Rev. Lyerly to the Central Rowan charge; the request for aid is referred to the special committee on Requests for Aid. 3. The Rev. M. L. Hedrick is continued as supply for Mt. Tabor mission, and the request for aid is referred to special committee on Requests for Aid.

The Rev. J. W. Cecil was excused for absence from this meeting of Classis.

On motion the following committee on vacant charges was appointed: Revs. Leonard, Trexler and Murphy.

Classis took the following action on the report of the special committee on Requests for Aid: \$50.00 is granted Mt. Bethel mission on condition that it secure regular monthly service during the year. Central Rowan charge is granted \$75.00 on condition that a regular pastor is secured. \$30.00 is given to Bethany congregation to aid in liquidating the debt on the church. The Conover congregation is to receive \$30.00 for the same purpose. \$50.00 is granted the Lower Davidson charge, to aid and encourage it

in securing regular service, on condition that the charge get a regular pastor. Mt. Tabor mission is to receive \$25.00.

Classis assumes \$100.00 for Home Missions, and instructs its delegates to Potomac Synod to explain why a larger sum is not assumed.

It was ordered by Classis that \$75.00 be apportioned for expenses of delegates to General and Potomac Synods.

The following resolution was unanimously passed: Resolved that Classis appoint a committee of three ministers whose duty it shall be to visit the Waldenses who expect soon to locate in North Carolina, to extend to them any needed assistance they may be able to offer. This committee consists of Revs. Dr. Foil, Murphy and Smith.

Rev. Dr. Welker was excused for absence from Classis.

The petition for the dissolution of the pastorate of the Guilford charge was granted and the charge declared vacant.

It was ordered that the Stated Clerk have 1,000 copies of the minutes of Classis printed, and \$35.00 was apportioned for this purpose, \$5.00 of which is to be paid for the preparation of manuscript.

Classis adjourned with the singing of the doxology and the benediction by Dr. Trexler.

Saturday Morning—May, 6th—Classis convened according to order, and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Foil. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The committee on Finance reported and adopted as follows: We, the committee on Finance, beg leave to report that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of Classis and compared the vouchers with the same, and find them true and correct.

JOHN H. MOOSE,

JOHN W. ROBINSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

CHURCH EXTENSION.	BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.
Amount in Treasury, 1892. \$ 57.60.	Amount in Treasury, 1892. \$ 22.57.
Amount in Treasury, 1893. 258.22.	Amount rec'd during year.. 77.67.
Whole Amt. of the funds..... 315.82.	Amount of the fund..... 100.24.
Paid out by order of Classis 200.00.	Amount paid out..... 78.33.
Amount now in Treasury... 115.82.	Amount now in Treasury... 21.91.

HOME MISSIONS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS.
Amount in Treasury, 1892. \$ 52.52.	Amount in Treasury, 1892. \$ 3.53.
Amount rec'd during year.. 205 69.	Amount rec'd during year.. 240.35.
Amount of the fund..... 258 21.	Amount of the fund..... 243.88.
Amount paid out..... 202 42.	Amount paid out..... 199.57.
Amount in Treasury..... 55.79.	Amount in Treasury..... 44.31.

CATAWBA COLLEGE.

Upper Davidson charge paid.....	\$ 15.00.
Paid out of Treasury.....	15.00.

CONTINGENT FUND.

Amount in Treasury, 1892.....	\$ 32.90.
Amount received during year.....	169.00.
Amount of the fund.....	201.90.
Amount paid out.....	165.20.
Amount in Treasury.....	36.70.

Classis sends down the following apportionments to the several charges :

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Guilford charge.....	\$ 25.00	Central Rowan charge.....	\$ 12.00
West Rowan charge.....	22.00	Alamance charge.....	8.00
East Rowan charge.....	27.00	Lincoln charge.....	17.00
Concord charge.....	22.00	Newton charge.....	16.00
Hickory charge.....	19 00	Catawba charge.....	15.00
Upper Davidson charge.....	30 00	Mt. Bethel.....	3.00
Lower Davidson charge.....	20 00	Mt. Tabor.....	3.00
		Total.....	235.00

THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORSHIP.

Guilford charge.....	\$ 8.00	Central Rowan charge.....	\$ 5.00
West Rowan charge.....	8.00	Alamance charge.....	3.00
East Rowan charge.....	8.00	Lincoln charge.....	6.00
Concord charge.....	8.00	Newton charge.....	10.00
Hickory charge.....	8.00	Catawba charge.....	6.00
Upper Davidson charge.....	8.00	Mt. Bethel.....	1.00
Lower Davidson charge.....	5.00	Mt. Tabor.....	1.00
.....		Total.....	85.00

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Guilford charge	\$ 16.00	Central Rowan charge.....	\$ 8.00
West Rowan charge.....	14.00	Alamance charge.....	6.00
East Rowan charge.....	17.00	Lincoln charge.....	11.00
Concord charge.....	14.00	Newton charge.....	11.00
Hickory charge.....	13.00	Catawba charge.....	9.00
Upper Davidson charge.....	18.00	Mt. Bethel.....	1.00
Lower Davidson charge.....	11.00	Mt. Tabor.....	1.00
.....		Total.....	150.00

HOME MISSIONS.

Guilford charge	\$ 30.00	Central Rowan charge.....	\$ 18.00
West Rowan charge.....	25.00	Alamance charge.....	10.00
East Rowan charge.....	32.00	Lincoln charge.....	20.00
Concord charge.....	25.00	Newton charge.....	20.00
Hickory charge.....	20.00	Catawba charge.....	18.00
Upper Davidson charge.....	34.00	Mt. Bethel.....	3.00
Lower Davidson charge.....	22.00	Mt. Tabor.....	3.00
.....		Total.....	280.00

The committee on Examination and Licensure made the following report: Two applicants, James D. Andrew and Jesse B. Leonard (the latter afterwards withdrew his application) appeared before your committee and were examined on the following subjects, viz: Intention in seeking the ministry and nature of the office—Heidelberg catechism—Pastoral theology—Dogmatics—Church history—Homiletics—Evidences of Christianity—Government of the Reformed Church.

In regard to Mr. Andrew, your committee reports satisfactory. At his own request your committee recommends that Mr. Leonard be placed under the care of the committee

on vacant charges with instructions that said committee provide a course of study for him during the coming year; and further, if satisfactory arrangements can be made that he be given work under the care of the committee.

J. L. MURPHY,
P. BARRINGER,
H. D. WARLICK.

The report was adopted, and Mr. Andrew was licensed to preach according to Art. 4 of the Constitution.

The committee to examine the Hymnal of the Reformed Church recommended that the Hymnal be adopted. The Hymnal was approved.

The committee on Religious Services reported as follows, and the report was adopted: Sermon on Thursday at 11 o'clock, by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly; sermon Friday by Rev. J. H. Shuford; Centennial services on Saturday, Rev. A. H. Smith presiding—address on "The Reformed Church in North Carolina" by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D. Address on "Missionary Work in the Reformed Church," by Rev. Paul Barringer. After recess an address on "Distinctive Doctrinal Features of the Reformed Church," by Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D. Address on the "Heidelberg Catechism," by Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D. Sunday at 10 o'clock, communion sermon by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.; in the grove sermon by Rev. J. C. Leonard; 2 o'clock, sermon in the church by Rev. Paul Barringer, and in the grove by Rev. A. H. Smith. Closing services, hymn, Rev. Smith; prayer by Dr. Foil; address by Dr. Clapp; doxology and benediction by the President.

The following resolution was passed by a unanimous vote: In as much as Col. H. A. Forney has served faithfully as Treasurer of this Classis for many years without any compensation, therefore be it RESOLVED that Classis as a token of appreciation of his services vote \$5.00 of our general funds and also the amount of a special collection taken for the purpose at this session.

The following resolution was also introduced and passed: Resolved that our delegates to General Synod represent

the needs of the North Carolina Classis to the General Board of Missions at the next meeting in Reading, Pa.

The following report of the committee on Religion and Statistics was adopted:

Fathers and Brethren—From the parochial reports of the pastors in the Classis we gather the following facts. The Lord has been good to us as a Classis—the gospel has been regularly and faithfully preached—the sacraments have been administered—catechisation has been successfully carried on in some charges at least, and members have been received by confirmation and otherwise.

The Sunday-school work has been carried forward vigorously. Prayer service is held in some congregations, but not in as many as should be. There is not as great a spirit of liberality or Christian giving manifest as there should be in all the charges. While some have done very well in this respect others are lacking. Your committee is of the opinion that such distinctions as praying and non-praying members—paying and non-paying members should not exist. All should pray and pay according to the ability that God has given—then would the Lord's work prosper in our hands.

There are vacant charges that need earnest pastors, and Classis is unable to supply all the people with the means of grace. This is discouraging. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest, while we work for the upbuilding of the church.

One of the aged ministers has been called home. Father Ingold has gone to his rest. We mourn his absence, but rejoice that our loss is his gain.

Some of the members have died during the year, but the angel of death has not been sent among us often. We trust that some real advancement has been made during the Classisical year, and pray the great Head of the Church to give us greater success in saving souls in the future than in the past. Committing all things to His hands, we respectfully submit our report,

J. C. CLAPP,
D. P. LEFEVER,
T. L. HUNSUCKER.

The Statistical table will be found at the end of this pamphlet.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, that the Classis of North Carolina take this method of extending its thanks to the Bethel congregation for the bounteous hospitality enjoyed, and to the excellent choir for the splendid music with which Classis was favored. Resolved, that action be read from the desk on Sunday by the pastor loci.

After an exceedingly pleasant and harmonious meeting the President declared Classis adjourned.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk

Of the Classis of North Carolina.

COLLECTIONS

Collections for the benevolent work of Classis are made by the several congregations as follows:

THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORSHIP during the month of June,
BENEFICIARY EDUCATION during the month of September,
HOME MISSIONS during the month of December.

FOREIGN MISSIONS during the month of March.

N. B. All monies are to be sent to the Treasurer by the 15th of next April.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Members Unconfirmed.	Baptisms.		Confirmed.	By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		Minutes of Synod.	P. O. ADDRESS.
					Infants.	Adults.											Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			English.	German.
G. W. Welker, D. D.	Guilford.....	2	340	140	10	1	2	3					7	2	195	2	92.00	400.00		Lamont..... N. C.
Thomas Long.....	Without charge.																			Salem..... N. C.
Jesse W. Cecil.....	Without charge.																			Thomasville..... N. C.
John Ingle.....	Without charge.																			Green Park..... N. C.
J. C. Clapp, D. D.	Pres. of Ca'ba Col.																			Newton..... N. C.
John A. Foil, Ph. D.	Prof. in Ca'ba Col.																			Newton..... N. C.
P. M. Trexler, D. D.	West Rowan.....	2	228	186	12	1	10	1	228	3			1	1	82		77.71	375.00	15	China Grove..... N. C.
Michael Hedrick.....	Without charge.																			Silver Hill..... N. C.
Paul Barringer.....	Concord.....	2	234	130	14		24	6	190	2			5	2	134	1	64.00	675.00	7	Concord..... N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy.....	Hickory.....	3	171	98	7		6	3	146	8			3	3	177		100.00	980.75	13	Hickory..... N. C.
Jacob C. Leonard.....	Upper Davidson.....	5	456	138	13	17	24	8	282	3			4	3	399	1	150.92	500.00	24	Lexington..... N. C.
Jacob M. L. Lively.....	Lincoln.....	4	260	149	14		11	4	215	2			3	1	270		83.00	3016.09	18	Maiden..... N. C.
David P. Lelever.....	Alamance.....	3	81	54	7	2	2	2	58	4			2	2	165		29.00	200.00	8	Burlington..... N. C.
Andrew H. Smith.....	Newton.....	1	119	53	6	3	14	6	96	1			10	1	172		50.00	474.00	10	Newton..... N. C.
J. D. Andrew, (lic.).....	Without charge.																			Lamont..... N. C.
..... Vacant.....	Catawba.....	4	164	100	7		8		132				1	1	50		49.24	760.15		
..... Vacant.....	East Rowan.....	2	311	235	11			1	194	24			3	3	273	1	189.00	176.00	8	
..... Vacant.....	Central Rowan.....	4	156	150																
..... Vacant.....	Lower Davidson.....	5	303	91	15		9		205	6			1	4	130		24.02	60.09		
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..... Mission.....	Mount Tabor.....	1	41	28					20				1	1	42					
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MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS
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—IN THE—
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Sixty-Fourth Annual Session,
—HELD AT—
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—OF THE—
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PRESIDENT: Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., China Grove, N. C.

STATED CLERK: Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, N. C.

TREASURER: Col. H. A. Forney, Newton, N. C.

THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

MINUTES OF 1894.

The sixty-fourth annual session of the Classis of North Carolina was held in the New Gilead Church of the Concord Charge, Cabarrus county, April 25-28, 1894. There was a good attendance of the ministers and delegated elders at the opening session, and others came in at subsequent sessions. The people of this and neighboring charges filled the house from day to day. The members of Classis were hospitably entertained in the families of New Gilead Church.

The opening sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. Smith from Mathew xxv : 1 : "Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bridegroom." After the sermon the President constituted classis with devotional services. The roll was called and the following members answered to their names: Ministers—J. W. Cecil, J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lyerly, A. H. Smith and J. D. Andrew ; Elders—I. A. Long of the Upper Davidson Charge; J. L. Ingold, Hickory; T. W. S. Grimes, Lower Davidson ; J. F. Smyre (*secundus*), Newton ; Wm. A. Welker, Guilford ; C. A. Linn, West Rowan ; J. C. Warlick, Lincoln ; Z. M. Faust (*secundus*), Alamance ; V. N. Mitchell, Concord ; Wm. McCombs, Central Rowan ; T. L. Hunsucker, Catawba. Rev. Paul Barringer and Elder E. D. A. Beaver, of East Rowan Charge, were present after the morning session, and the Rev. M. L. Hedrick appeared in his seat Thursday morning. All the members of Classis remained until the close of the session on

Saturday evening except Rev. M. L. Hedrick, who was excused Friday evening.

After the Classis was properly constituted, an election for President was held, which resulted unanimously in the choice of the Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., of China Grove. Classis now took a recess for one hour after singing the Doxology, and receiving the Benediction by the President.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis resumed its sessions with devotional services conducted by the Rev. J. W. Cecil. The bar of the house was defined to be the first two seats in front and on either side of the pulpit. Rev. A. R. Holshouser of the Kansas Classis, Synod of the Interior, and Elders Heilman and Kline were invited to seats as advisory members.

The President announced the following standing committees :

1. *Religious Services*—Revs. P. Barringer, J. D. Andrew and Elder W. A. Welker.
2. *Minutes of Classis*—Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. M. Lyerly and Elder J. L. Ingold.
3. *Minutes of Potomac Synod*—Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp and Elder Wm. McCombs.
4. *Minutes of General Synod*—Revs. J. C. Clapp, J. D. Andrew and Elder T. W. S. Grimes.
5. *Overtures*—Revs. J. W. Cecil, P. Barringer and Elder J. F. Smyre.
6. *Examination and Licensure*—Revs. A. H. Smith, J. W. Cecil and Elder C. A. Linn.
7. *Nominations*—Revs. J. D. Andrew, A. H. Smith and Elder W. A. Welker.
8. *Finance*—Elders H. A. Forney, J. F. Smyre and D. A. Long.
9. *Religion and Statistics*—Revs. J. M. Lyerly, J. L. Murphy and Elder J. C. Warlick.

Classis now entered upon the hearing of the parochial reports. These were read and referred to the Committee on Religion and Statistics. From these reports the committee gleaned most interesting facts which will be found in the report at another place.

Revs. John Ingle, J. A. Foil, Ph.D., G. W. Welker, D. D., and Thomas Long were excused for non-attendance upon the sessions of Classis. The two latter are suffering under severe physical ailments, and they will have the sympathy and prayers of the whole church.

The Committee on the Minutes of Classis made the following report: Your Committee on the Minutes of Classis beg leave to report the following items:

1. Consistories required to report the names of delegates to Classis to Stated Clerk twenty days previous to annual meeting.

2. Elders J. R. Woods and Z. M. Faust, Committee on Arrearages due late pastor by Alamance Charge, instructed to report at this meeting of Classis.

3. Rev. J. C. Leonard and Mr. A. S. Faust appointed to examine into the feasibility of Classis undertaking missionary work near Cedar Falls, Randolph county.

4. Consistories required to revise their church registers in accordance with Article 115 of the Constitution.

5. All moneys to be in the hands of the Treasurer by the 15th of April annually.

6. Fifty dollars is granted to Mt. Bethel mission on condition that it secure monthly service during the year.

7. Seventy-five dollars is granted to Central Rowan Charge on condition that it secure a regular pastor.

8. Fifty dollars is granted the Lower Davidson Charge on the same condition.

9. Delegates to Potomac Synod instructed to explain why a larger sum is not assumed for Home Missions.

10. Classis appoints Revs. J. C. Leonard, P. M. Trexler, D. D., and J. L. Murphy a committee on vacant charges.

11. Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph.D., A. H. Smith and J. L. Murphy are appointed a committee to visit the Waldenses.

12. The Stated Clerk is directed to have 1,000 copies of the minutes of Classis printed.

13. Student for the ministry, J. B. Leonard, is placed under the care of the Committee on Vacant Charges, with instructions to supervise his studies and if advisable to give him work in vacant charges.

14. Stated Clerk is instructed to procure a book for the use of Classis.

15. Classis instructs its delegates to General Synod to represent its needs to the Board of Home Missions at Reading, Pa.

16. Revs. G. W. Welker, D. D., J. C. Clapp, D. D., and J. C. Leonard appointed a committee to ordain licentiate James D. Andrew and install him pastor of the Guilford Charge.

17. Revs. P. Barringer, P. M. Trexler, D. D., and A. H. Smith to install Rev. J. M. Lysterly pastor of Central Rowan Charge.

18. Rev. J. L. Murphy to visit the East Rowan Charge.
J. C. LEONARD, Chairman.

This report was taken up by items, and the following disposition was made of them :

Item 1 was reported partially attended to ; item 2 was laid on the table until Committee on Overtures reports ; item 3, not practicable, and the matter is dropped ; items 4 and 5, partially attended to ; items 6 and 7, conditions complied with and money paid ; item 8, not complied with and money not called for ; item 9, duty attended to and Synod excuses Classis from payment of balance ; item 10, the committee has not been able to accomplish anything material ; item 11, not attended to ; items 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18, are all reported attended to. The report was then adopted as a whole.

The committee to examine and receive beneficiary students made their report, which follows:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

Your committee, to whom was committed the care of examining and receiving students for the ministry who desire to receive beneficiary aid, beg leave to report that two students have been under the care of your committee during the past year, viz: William H. McNairy and Harvey A. M. Holshouser. The committee has granted them aid as follows: To Mr. McNairy \$100, and to Mr. Holshouser \$50. These young brethren are members of the Senior Class in Catawba College, and will be graduated from that institution at the coming Commencement, May 17th, 1894. In view of this fact, your committee deems it advisable to recommend that Classis take such action as to it may seem best in regard to the work which these young men may engage in during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. MURPHY, Chairman.

The report was adopted, and the committee continued for another year.

Classis decided to meet and adjourn as follows during its sessions: Meet at 9 o'clock a. m.; sermon at 11 o'clock each day, followed by a recess of one hour at noon; adjourn at 4 o'clock p. m.

The session closed with the doxology and benediction, by the Rev. J. C. Leonard.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 26TH.

Classis convened at 9 o'clock a. m. Devotional services were conducted by the Rev. J. L. Murphy. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted. The Revs. P. Barringer and M. C. Hedrick were permitted to read their parochial reports. Reports were also heard from the Lower Davidson, Alamance and Catawba

Charges, all of which were reported to the Committee on Religion and Statistics.

The Committee on Overtures made partial reports, as follows: Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report as follows:

Item 1. A copy of the *Corinthian*, a paper published by Revs. J. L. Murphy and J. C. Leonard, in the interest of the Classis of North Carolina.

Item 2. A notification from Superintendent Whitener that Burlington has been dropped from the roll of missions.

Item 3. A catalogue of Claremont College.

Item 4. An overture from the Joint Consistory of the Upper Davidson Charge, asking Classis to recognize Thomasville as a mission point and commit the interest to a minister with instructions to organize a congregation.

Item 5. Preamble and resolutions from the Joint Consistory of the Lower Davidson Charge, asking Classis to license Mr. W. H. McNairy with a view of becoming pastor of said charge.

Item 6. A petition from members of the Catawba Charge, asking that Mr. H. A. M. Holshouser be licensed with a view of becoming pastor of said charge.

Item 7. An overture from the Joint Consistory of the Catawba Charge, asking aid to supplement a pastor's salary.

Item 8. A petition from Mt. Bethel Mission, asking aid to secure regular preaching.

Item 9. A call from the Lincoln Charge, for the pastoral services of the Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

Item 10. A request from the Joint Consistory of the Upper Davidson Charge, that Classis appoint attorneys to dispose of a certain tract of land in Davidson county, belonging to the Reformed Church.

Item 11. A certificate dismissing the Rev. J. H. Shuford from the Virginia Classis to the Classis of North Carolina.

Item 12. A call from the East Rowan Charge for the pastoral services of the Rev. P. Barringer.

Item 13. A petition from the Joint Consistory of the Central Rowan Charge, asking \$100 to supplement the pastor's salary.

Item 14. Preamble and resolutions from the Joint Consistory of the Upper Davidson Charge, relative to the theological professorship to be established at Newton.

Item 15. R. F. Fleming gives notice of an appeal from the action of the Consistory of Mt. Zion Church.

The report was taken up by items, and the action on the several items is as follows :

Item 1. Resolved, that Classis endorses the *Corinthian*, and that the pastors be directed to urge the members to give it their moral and material support. Item 2, adopted. Item 3, resolved that we are pleased to receive the catalogue of Claremont College, that we are glad of the prosperity of the school and commend it to our people. Item 4, resolved that the request be granted and that the interest be placed under the care of the Rev. J. C. Leonard, with instructions to organize a congregation, if advisable. Items 5 and 6 are referred to the Committee on Licensure and Examination. Items 7 and 8, referred to a special committee, consisting of Rev. J. C. Clapp, J. W. Cecil and Elder J. C. Warlick. Item 9, the call is confirmed and the Revs. J. H. Fail, A. H. Smith and J. L. Murphy are appointed to install the Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., pastor of the Lincoln Charge.

At this point Classis took a recess until after the sermon by Rev. J. M. Lyerly and the noon intermission.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The devotional services of the afternoon session were conducted by Rev. A. H. Smith. Elders P. D. Goodnight, W. H. Fink and P. A. Shank were admitted to seats as advisory members.

The consideration of the report on Overtures was con-

tinued. Item 10, Classis grants the request, and appoints Messrs. D. H. Hinkle and L. Everhart to dispose of the property to the best advantage. Item 11, the Rev. J. H. Shuford is received from the Virginia Classis, and his name placed on the roll of ministers. Item 12, the call to Rev. P. Barringer from East Rowan Charge is confirmed, and the following committee is appointed to install him pastor: Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. W. Cecil and J. M. Lysterly. Item 13, referred to special committee on aid. Item 14, the following preamble and resolutions are sent up as an overture from Classis to the Synod of the Potomac:

WHEREAS, The Synod of the Potomac has wisely made provision for theological instruction in Catawba College, located at Newton, N. C.; and

WHEREAS, The intention is to educate a ministry on the grounds for service in the South, and particularly in North Carolina; therefore,

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina recognizes in Rev. Jacob Crawford Clapp, D. D., one of the most experienced ministers and educators in the Synod. No man in the Synod has performed more self-denying and persevering work for the Church than he. No man has had better opportunities than he for knowing thoroughly the pressing needs of the Reformed Church in the South. Among the many eminent men in the Synod, no one is so well qualified by experience as he for the position.

Resolved, That Dr. Clapp's success as President of and Professor in Catawba College stamps him as an educator of the highest order, and a man of marked executive ability.

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina most earnestly and affectionately petitions and urges the Synod of the Potomac to elect Rev. Dr. Clapp to the chair of theological instruction in Catawba College.

Item 15, the papers were referred to a special commit-

tee, consisting of Revs. A. H. Smith, J. M. Lyerly and Elder Forney, to see whether the case is in order.

The Board of Trustees of Catawba College now made its annual report through its secretary. This report was read and placed on file. Following this report the following action was taken: *Resolved*, That Classis instructs the Board of Trustees of Catawba College in the future to transmit to this body a condensed report of its transactions, and not the full minutes of its proceedings.

The Committee on Overtures reported the following items:

ITEM 16. A request from Grace Church, of the East Rowan Charge, that Classis hold its next annual session in this church.

ITEM 17. A petition, from persons at Mt. Pleasant, that a Reformed Church be organized in this town.

Item 16 is laid on the table until Classis is ready to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting of Classis. Item 17—the request is granted and the interest is committed to the care of Rev. P. Barringer, with instructions to organize a congregation at his discretion.

The Committee on the Minutes of Potomac Synod reported: Your Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac report the following items as claiming the attention of this Classis:

ITEM 1. Delegates at Synod, Revs. J. C. Leonard and J. L. Murphy.

ITEM 2. Delegates to Synod requested to explain why Classis assumed only part of the apportionment for Home Missions.

ITEM 3. Synod's action relating to the endowment of a Theological Chair in Catawba College.

ITEM 4. Rev. J. L. Murphy appointed agent to collect funds for Theological Professorship in Catawba College.

ITEM 5. Dr. W. C. Schaeffer elected Professor of Theology.

ITEM 6. Classis is assessed \$755 for Home Missions.

ITEM 7. Classis is assessed \$428 for Foreign Missions.

ITEM 8. Twenty-six dollars for Hungarian Missions.

ITEM 9. One hundred and thirty-eight dollars for Church Building.

ITEM 10. For Beneficiary Education \$100.

ITEM 11. Theological Professorship \$85.

ITEM 12. Contingent Fund of General Synod \$37.

ITEM 13. Contingent Fund to Potomac Synod \$49.

ITEM 14. Mercersburg College arrearage, \$33.

ITEM 15. Harbor Missions, \$10.

ITEM 16. Synod's action in reference to church literature.

ITEM 17. The Orphan's Homes commended to the church.

ITEM 18. The attention of Classis called to the Society for the relief of aged ministers and their widows.

ITEM 19. Synod adjourns to meet in York, Pa., October 16th, 1894, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

J. L. MURPHY, Chairman.

The report was taken up item by item and disposed of as follows : Item 1 is adopted ; 2 attended to ; 3, 4 and 5 adopted ; 6 laid on the table until special committee on aid to charges reports ; 7, Resolved that Classis heartily endorses the spirit of the tentative apportionment for Foreign Missions, and will exert itself to contribute as much as possible to this worthy cause ; 8, not adopted ; 9, Resolved that owing to the fact that Classis has a church building work of its own we do not see our way clear to accept the amount for church building sent down by Synod ; on item 10 similar action was taken ; 11, 12 and 13 adopted and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment ; 14, Resolved that if the apportionment be not an oversight we overture Synod to excuse us from its payment ; on item 15 similar action was taken ; 16 adopted—Resolved that this Synod affectionately and earnestly reminds the several Classes under its care, pas-

tors, consistories and members, of the great importance of the presence of church literature for a proper and intelligent advance of church life and work, and, therefore, recommends that an energetic effort be made in every pastoral charge to increase the circulation of the periodicals of our church; 17 adopted—Resolved that we commend this holy cause anew to the liberality of our pastors and people, that the burden of indebtedness resting upon these noble institutions may be speedily removed, and that many more of the dependent orphans of the church may be admitted to and cared for in these homes; 18, Rev. A. H. Smith is appointed to correspond with the officers of the society to learn of its operations and the benefits to be derived therefrom; 19 adopted. The report was then adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer of Classis was directed to procure a new seal.

The time for adjournment having arrived the doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. M. L. Hedrick.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 27TH.

The Classis was called to order at the regular hour. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. P. Barringer. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The Rev. B. F. Davis, of Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio, was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The Committee on the Minutes of General Synod reported. Your Committee on the Minutes of General Synod beg leave to report as follows: General Synod sends down to the Classis, for approval or rejection, a Constitution for the government of the Reformed Church in the United States. We recommend that it be approved.

J. C. CLAPP, Chairman.

The report was adopted, and the Constitution, as sent down by the General Synod, is approved.

The Treasurer of Classis, Col. H. A. Forney, made his report, from which the following statements are gleaned :

THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORSHIP.

Apportioned.....	\$85 00
Paid.....	54 71

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Apportioned.....	\$150 00
Paid.....	133 38

HOME MISSIONS.

Apportioned	\$280 00
Paid.....	238 59

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

No Apportionment.	
Paid.....	\$190 28

CONTINGENT FUND.

Apportioned.....	\$235 00
Paid.....	207 46

The following-named Charges paid all their apportionments in full : Guilford, East Rowan, Upper Davidson, Central Rowan, Lincoln, Newton, and Mt. Bethel Mission.

At the close of the year the following amounts remain in the Treasurer's hands :

Theological Professorship.....	\$54 71
Beneficiary Education.....	5 28
Home Missions.....	45 19
Foreign Missions ...	19 00

On the Contingent Fund there is a deficit of \$22.44.

All arrearages will be thankfully received by the Treasurer. Classis requests that the Charges in arrears on the Theological Professorship fund pay the apportionments in full.

The Committee on Overtures reported the following items :

Item 18. A letter of inquiry from Mt. Tabor Mission.

Item 19. A letter from Mr. W. S. Ramsaur.

On item 18 the following action was taken : The Rev. M. L. Hedrick is instructed to explain to the congrega-

tion at Mt. Tabor that the omission in the printed minutes was due to the fact that the statistical blank was not properly filled out last May by the pastor. Mt. Tabor is excused from the payment of arrearages on last year's apportionment.

Item 19 was disposed of in the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina learns with joy of the desire of Bro. W. S. Ramsaur, a pious and active member of Grace Church, Newton, N. C., to engage in evangelistic or pastoral work among our people and others, and that we cordially encourage this worthy brother to persevere, and that we proffer him our earnest co-operation. We recommend him to the General Sunday-school Secretary and to our Young Men's Christian Associations and Christian Endeavor Societies.

Item 2 of this committee's report was called up, when the following action was taken : The committee is continued and instructed to settle the matter on any terms satisfactory to both parties.

The special committee on the Fleming appeal case made the following report : The committee on the appeal case of Mr. Fleming find the appeal in order, and recommend that Classis hear both sides, giving each side thirty minutes. We further recommend that it be made the order of the day for to-morrow morning after opening, appellant to open the case.

A. H. SMITH, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution was passed with hearty unanimity : *Resolved*, That Classis accept with appreciative thanks the kind proffer of the Mt. Carmel M. E. Church, our fraternal neighbor, of their commodious house of worship for use during this meeting of Classis.

Classis now took a recess for the sermon by Rev. J. W. Cecil and the noon intermission.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Classis was called to order by the President. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Elder J. H. Moose was admitted to a seat as an advisory member.

The Special Committee on Aid reported as follows :— The committee to apportion aid to Charges in need of help, beg leave to report as follows, viz : Resolved, that Classis grant Mt. Bethel Mission \$50 ; Catawba Charge \$50 ; Central Rowan Charge, \$100 ; Mt. Tabor Mission, \$25 ; Lower Davidson Charge, \$50 ; on condition that these Missions and Charges are supplied with monthly preaching, catechetical instruction and the administration of the sacraments ; and that \$50 be given the Board of General Synod for Home Missions.

J. C. CLAPP, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Examination and Licensure made the following report ; Students Harvey A. M. Holshouser and Wm. H. McNairy presented themselves at the place and time appointed by your Committee on Examination and Licensure, and were closely examined as to their intentions, piety, on the Heidelberg Catechism, Church History and Dogmatism. We would beg leave to report favorably in both cases, and recommend the granting of license to both.

The students desire to continue their studies, and in view of this fact, and to assist them, we would request Classis to appoint a committee whose duty shall be to prescribe a course of study for them and see that they apply themselves to their studies.

A. H. SMITH, Chairman.

The report was adopted without a dissenting vote, and Messrs. Holshouser and McNairy, having subscribed to the constitutional formula, were licensed to preach the Gospel.

The committee called for in the report consists of the Rev. J. L. Murphy, A. H. Smith and J. A. Fail, Ph. D.

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report.

The Committee on nominations beg leave to make the following report :

Delegates to Potomac Synod, *Primarii* : Ministers—Paul Barringer, J.C. Leonard, J.M.L. Lyerly and J.L. Murphy; Elders—D. A. Long, W. A. Welker, J. C. Warlick and E. D. A. Beaver. *Secundi* : Ministers—P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., A. H. Smith and J. W. Cecil; Elders—J.M.Faust, J.F.Smyre, T.W.S. Grimes and V. N. Mitchell.

Trustees of Catawba College : D. M. Carpenter, J. C. Leonard, J. W. Robinson, W. H. Williams, Reuben Setzer and Isaac Payne.

Treasurer of Classis, Col. H. A. Forney.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Overtures reported items 20 and 21.

Item 20. A call from the Lower Davidson Charge for the pastoral services of Licentiate Wm. H. McNairy. The call is confirmed, and Classis appoints the following committee for his ordination and installation : Revs. J. W. Cecil, J. C. Leonard and M. L. Hedrick.

Item 21. A call from the Catawba Charge for the pastoral services of Licentiate Harvey A. M. Holshouser. Classis confirms the call and appoints Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., A. H. Smith and J. H. Fäil, Ph. D., to ordain Mr. Holshouser and install him pastor of the Catawba Charge.

The report of the committee was adopted as a whole.

The following action was taken in regard to the Alamance Charge : Resolved, that the Alamance Charge be and is hereby dissolved, and that the St. Mark's and Stoner's Churches be connected with the Guilford Charge. Resolved, that the interest at Burlington be placed under the care of the Rev. J. D. Andrew, with instructions to minister to their needs as he may be able.

Classis now took up the matter of deciding the place and time of the next annual meeting. Calvary church,

of the Upper Davidson Charge, near Thomasville, Davidson county, was selected as the place, and Wednesday before the first Lord's Day in May, A. D. 1895, as the time of the next annual meeting of the Classis of North Carolina.

The day's session closed with the doxology and benediction, by the Rev. J. M. Lyerly.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 28TH.

Classis was called to order at the regular time. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Murphy. The roll was called and a quorum was present. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted. Elder Joel Corriher was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The order of the day being the Fleming appeal case, it was called up. It was laid on the table until the opening of this afternoon session.

The Committee on Religion and Statistics made their report as follows :

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN :—We have been enabled to glean as follows from the parochial and statistical reports of the pastors of Classis. The Great Head of the Church has been favorably disposed to us, a part of his moral heritage. The Charges having regular pastors have been regularly and successfully furnished with the preaching of the Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Catechisation and family visitation have been attended to with as much attention as could well be under existing circumstances. Numbers have been inducted into the church, and a general pruning of the dead branches has been attended to. Some of the Charges vacant at the last meeting of Classis have been provided with pastors ; others have become vacant. As a rule, where there are regular pastors, the assessments have been met.

The condition of the vacant Charges is not what could be desired, by any means, but some of them have been supplied, and so in a measure the means of grace enjoyed. Some of the Charges that have been divided and in discord, have become reconciled and are gloriously rejoicing ; others have been to an extent divided in sentiment, and some very unpleasant things are upon us. Arrangements have been made by which some of our present vacant Charges are to be supplied with the means of grace at the hands of pastors. Another of the vacant charges has been provided, by reconstruction, with the regular means of grace. For the present prospects of our Classis, we feel

grateful to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of Souls, and feel confident that the next Committee on Religion and Statistics will be enabled to make a more satisfactory report.

As to the Sunday-school work, we find that more interest is being manifested, at least in a majority of the Charges. Services of prayer and praise have been regularly held in some of the congregations. Some additions to the number of family altars are reported; would that we could report that from the homes of all our families there ascend daily prayers as incense to God! Societies for the advancement of general Church work have been organized in a number of the Churches and Charges. These societies are doing a great and good work. Would that we could effectively urge upon all our pastors the effect of organized effort on the part of the women of the Church. By and through organized effort all the assessments in all the Charges could be easily raised, the churches improved and beautified, and in a spiritual sense all very much strengthened.

None of the ministers or elders have been called from time into eternity, though we are sad to chronicle that not all of our parsonages have been free from the visit of death. Death in a few instances has claimed some who were dear to us, but we trust our loss is their eternal gain.

On the whole, the general progress of our Classis has been good, intensive as well as extensive. Thanking our Heavenly Father for His guardian care over us, His people, we pray that He may give us even greater success during the present than the year just closed. Committing all our affairs to His guardian hand, we do most respectfully submit this our report.

J. M. L. LYERLY, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance reported the following apportionments to be raised during the coming Classical year:

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Guilford Charge.....	\$20 00
West Rowan Charge.....	18 00
East Rowan ".....	22 00
Concord Charge.....	18 00
Hickory ".....	15 50
Lower Davidson Charge.....	15 00
Upper Davidson ".....	25 00
Central Rowan ".....	10 00
Lincoln Charge.....	15 50
Newton ".....	10 00
Catawba ".....	10 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	2 50
Mt. Tabor ".....	2 50

Total.....\$184 00

THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORSHIP.

Guilford Charge.....	\$11 00
West Rowan Charge.....	8 00
East Rowan ".....	8 00
Concord Charge.....	8 00
Hickory ".....	8 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	8 00
Lower Davidson ".....	5 00
Central Rowan ".....	5 00
Lincoln Charge.....	6 00
Newton ".....	8 00
Catawba ".....	8 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1 00
Mt. Tabor ".....	1 00
Total.....	\$85 00

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Guilford Charge.....	\$22 00
West Rowan Charge.....	14 00
East Rowan ".....	17 00
Concord Charge.....	14 00
Hickory ".....	14 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	17 00
Lower Davidson ".....	11 00
Central Rowan ".....	8 00
Lincoln Charge.....	11 00
Newton ".....	10 00
Catawba Charge.....	10 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1 00
Mt. Tabor ".....	1 00
Total.....	\$150 00

HOME MISSIONS.

Guilford Charge.....	\$40 00
West Rowan Charge.....	25 00
East Rowan ".....	35 00
Concord Charge.....	25 00
Hickory ".....	25 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	30 00
Lower Davidson ".....	22 00
Central Rowan ".....	18 00
Lincoln Charge.....	20 00
Newton ".....	18 00
Catawba ".....	18 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	3 00
Mt. Tabor ".....	3 00
Total.....	\$282 00

The following is the report of the Committee on Religious Services: The Committee on Religious services beg leave to report:

Thursday at 11 o'clock, A. M., sermon by Rev. J. M. Lyerly.

Friday, 11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. J. W. Cecil.

Saturday, 11 o'clock, sermon and preparatory service by Rev. B. F. Davis.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF CLASSIS:

1. Hymn by Rev. J. M. Lyerly.
2. Address by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.
3. Doxology.
4. Benediction by the President.

Sunday, 9:30, Sunday School Addresses by Licentiates Holshouser and McNairy.

Sunday, 11 o'clock, in New Gilead Church, sermon by Rev. J. C. Leonard; Mt. Carmel M. E. Church, sermon by Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.; in the old Reformed Church, sermon by Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Sunday afternoon, New Gilead, sermon by Rev. A. H. Smith; Mt. Carmel, sermon by Rev. J. L. Murphy; old Church, sermon by Rev. J. M. Lyerly.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Mt. Tabor Mission is placed under the care of the Rev. M. L. Hedrick, and Mt. Bethel that of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

The following resolution of thanks was passed:

Resolved, That Classis extends its thanks to the good people of New Gilead for their hospitality and welcome extended to Classis, and that this resolution be read from the pulpits of the different churches at the services to-morrow.

Classis at this point took a recess until after the sermon by the Rev. B. F. Davis, and the noon intermission.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order and the usual devotional services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp.

The Fleming appeal case was now called up. The following compromise measure was agreed upon by the appellant and appellee:

1. Elder Fleming agrees not to further advocate his opposition to the doctrinal views of Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.
2. He is sorry for the trouble which has arisen from this difference, and agrees to discharge the duties of a church member.

3. The Consistory agrees, on these conditions, to restore Elder Fleming to church membership.

4. Both parties agree not to further discuss this church trouble.

The following several resolutions were introduced and passed :

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina is in hearty sympathy with the work of the Board of Home Missions, and regrets that the demands in her own boundaries prevent her from meeting the assessment made by the Synod of the Potomac, and that our delegates explain this at the next meeting of Synod, and ask that any arrearages on her part be excused.

Resolved, That this Classis requests the Trustees of Catawba College to institute a course of Bible studies to be taught in the College during the College course.

Resolved, That the Classis calls the attention of the Trustees of Catawba College to the advisability of applying to the government for a U. S. army officer to teach in said College.

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina, deploring the low and tardy sentiment on temperance prevailing in many parts of our own church, hails with delight the growing spirit of hostility to the cause of strong drink in sister churches, notably the Mecklenburg Presbytery at its late session in Lincolnton, and the South Fork Association at various sessions of late years. Having fought this monster, in the front ranks, for nearly a half century, we will continue the combat with courage unabated. And now, realizing more than ever before the enormity and direful curse of the liquor traffic, we recommend to all our Consistories to use the authority vested in them by the Constitution, in order that the church may not suffer under the disgrace brought upon her by unworthy members.

Resolved, That the *Corinthian* and *College Visitor*, and other papers interested in our people, be requested to publish this action.

The business of Classis having now been disposed of, the minutes of the day were read and adopted. The roll was called and all members not previously excused were found in their seats. The closing services, as reported by the Committee on Religious Services were now had. The doxology was sung, the benediction pronounced, and the President declared the Classis adjourned.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk
of the Classis of North Carolina.

OFFERINGS.

Theological Professorship, during the month of June.

Beneficiary Education, during September.

Home Missions, December.

Foreign Missions, March.

N. B. All moneys are to be in the hands of Treasurer by the 15th of next April.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	No. Congreg't'ns.																P. O. ADDRESS.															
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G. Wm. Welker, D. D.	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lamont.....N. C.			
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John A. Foil, Ph. D.	Prof. Catawba Col.	2	231	173	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Newton			
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Michael L. Hedrick	Mt. Tabor Mission	2	301	225	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Silver Hill.			
Paul Barringer	East Rowan Chg.	1	41	31	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Heilig's Mills			
Joseph L. Murphy	Hickory Charge.	3	195	110	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hickory			
Jacob C. Leonard	Up. Davidson Chg.	5	443	146	19	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Lexington			
Jacob M. L. Lyerly	Cent. Rowan	4	165	163	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Faith			
Andrew H. Smith	Newton Charge.	1	120	65	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Newton			
James D. Andrew	Guilford	2	310	154	13	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Druryville.			
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Wm. H. McNairy [lic.]	"	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	N. C.			
	Catawba Charge.	4	144	98	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	McKee			
	Low. Davidson Ch	5	283	186	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Conover			
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	Concord	2	231	142	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Burlington			
	Mt. Bethel Miss'n.	1	32	28	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Concord			
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Minutes of the Classis

— OF —

North Carolina

— OF THE —

Reformed Church,

— IN THE —

United States.

Sixty-Fifth Annual Session,

— HELD AT —

Calvary Church,

OF THE

Upper Davidson Charge,

DAVIDSON COUNTY,

May 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1895.

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OFFICERS OF CLASSIS:

PRESIDENT: Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., Newton, North Carolina.

STATED CLERK: Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, North Carolina.

TREASURER: Col. H. A. Forney, Newton, North Carolina.

The Classis of North Carolina.

Minutes of the Session of 1895.

The sixty-fifth annual session of the Classis of North Carolina was held in Calvary Reformed Church of the Upper Davidson Charge, Davidson County, N. C., beginning on Wednesday, May 1st, 1895, at 11 o'clock A. M.

This congregation was organized in the year 1891, by the present pastor, and during the following Winter a house of worship was erected. This beautiful new edifice was dedicated to the service of the Triune God in the Spring of 1892. The congregation has increased gradually in membership, and evidently is destined to become a power in the Reformed Church. The Sunday School is in a prosperous condition. The members are heartily united and have never known, by sad experience, anything about dissensions.

The Classis has never had a better attendance of ministers and delegated elders and visitors. The music under the direction of Prof. Delap was inspiring. The Church was well filled from day to day by the people from the Reformed Churches of Davidson County and other friends. The members of Classis and all visitors were entertained by the families and friends of Calvary Church.

The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., from Ephesians IV: 3—6: "Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as you are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

After the sermon Classis was constituted by the President with singing and prayer. The roll was called and the following ministers and elders answered to their names:

MINISTERS—J. W. Cecil, J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D.

D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lysterly, A. H. Smith, J. D. Andrew, H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy and B. F. Davis.

ELDERS—L. M. Peeler (*secundus*), Central Rowan Charge; S. T. Wilfong, Hickory; D. A. Long, Upper Davidson; Jacob Crooks, Lincoln; W. P. Bost (*secundus*), Catawba; J. W. Younts, Lower Davidson; J. C. Hileman, Concord; B. F. Low, Guilford; W. P. Goodnight, West Rowan; Reuben Grimes, Mt. Tabor.

Classis now proceeded to elect a President for the ensuing year. Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser and W. H. McNairy were appointed tellers. The election resulted in the choice of Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D. The new President was at once called to the chair.

A recess was now taken for one hour and fifteen minutes, the morning session closing with the doxology and the apostolic benediction by the President.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order at the stated time. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Paul Barringer. Elders T. W. S. Grimes, J. W. Fouts, H. A. Grimes and John Motsinger were invited to seats as advisory members. The presence of Rev. J. D. Newton of the Baptist Church was recognized.

Rev. J. D. Andrew was elected Corresponding Secretary. The bar of the house was defined to be the pews on either side and two in front of the pulpit.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

1. *Religious Services*—Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. W. Cecil and Elder Reuben Grimes.

2. *Minutes of Classis*—Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and Elder J. C. Hileman.

3. *Minutes of Potomac Synod*—Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. M. L. Lysterly and Elder S. T. Wilfong.

4. *Overtures*—Revs. A. H. Smith, W. H. McNairy and Elder B. F. Low.

5. *Examination and Licensure*—Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., and Elder Jacob Crooks.

6. *Nominations*—Revs. B. F. Davis, Paul Barringer and Elder J. W. Younts.

7. *Finance*—Elders H. A. Forney, D. A. Long and S. T. Wilfong.

8. *Religion and Statistics*—Revs. P. M. Trexler, J. D. Andrew and Elder W. P. Goodnight.

The following Committee was appointed to draft resolutions and provide suitable services in memory of the Rev. G. W. Welker, D. D.: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. L. Murphy and Elder B. F. Low.

Classis proceeded to the hearing of the parochial reports. These reports were read and referred to the Committee on Religion and Statistics.

The time for opening and closing the sessions was fixed as follows: Open in the morning at 9 o'clock; sermon at 11 o'clock each day, followed by a recess of one hour at noon; adjourn at 4 o'clock.

Classis now adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 2nd.

Classis was called to order at the regular time. The roll being called, a quorum was found present. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. H. McNairy. The minutes were read and approved. Elder W. A. Welker was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The hearing of parochial reports was continued, and these reports, when read, were referred to the proper Committee.

A Reportorial Committee was now appointed, consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy, W. H. McNairy and J. M. L. Lyerly.

The Committee on Minutes of Classis made the following report:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Classis offer the following items as claiming attention:

1. Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., and Col. H. A. Forney compose the Committee on Applicants for Beneficiary Aid.

2. The interest of the Reformed Church in the town of Thomasville is placed under the care of Rev. J. C. Leonard, with instructions to organize a congregation, if advisable.

3. Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., A. H. Smith and J. L. Murphy are appointed to install Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., pastor of the Lincoln Charge.

4. Messrs. D. H. Hinkle and L. Everhart are appointed to act as attorneys for Classis to dispose of a certain tract of land, known as the Huffinan Stand property, in Davidson County, to the best advantage.

5. Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. W. Cecil and J. M. L. Lyerly constitute the Committee to install Rev. Paul Barringer pastor of the East Rowan Charge.

6. The interest of the Reformed Church in the town of Mt. Pleasant is put in the hands of Rev. Paul Barringer, with instructions to organize a congregation at his discretion.

7. Rev. A. H. Smith is appointed to correspond with the officers of the "Society for the Relief of Aged Ministers and their Widows" to ascertain its operations and the benefits to be derived from it.

8. The Treasurer is directed to procure a new seal for the Classis.

9. Elders J. R. Woods and Z. M. Faust are continued as a Committee to settle arrearages due the late pastor of the Alamance Charge on any terms satisfactory to both parties.

10. Classis grants Mt. Bethel mission \$50; Catawba Charge \$50; Central Rowan Charge \$100; Mt. Tabor Mission \$25; Lower Davidson Charge \$50—on condition that these Missions and Charges are supplied with monthly preaching, Catechetical instruction and the administration of the Sacraments.

11. Revs. J. L. Murphy, A. H. Smith and J. A. Foil, Ph. D., are appointed to prescribe a course of studies for licentiates W. H. McNairy and H. A. M. Holshouser.

12. The Stated Clerk is directed to procure a supply of Statistical blanks for the use of the pastors and charges of Classis.

13. Revs. J. W. Cecil, J. C. Leonard and M. L. Hedrick are appointed a Committee to ordain licentiate Wm. H. McNairy and install him pastor of the Lower Davidson Charge.

14. Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., A. H. Smith and J. A. Foil, Ph. D., are appointed a Committee to ordain licentiate H. A. M. Holshouser and install him pastor of the Catawba Charge.

15. The Reformed congregation at Burlington is placed under the care of Rev. J. D. Andrew with instructions to minister to its needs as he may be able.

16. Charges in arrears on the Theological Professorship Fund are requested to pay the remainder during the coming year.

17. Mt. Tabor Mission is placed under the care of Rev. M. L. Hedrick.

18. Mt. Bethel Mission is placed under the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

19. The delegates to the Synod of the Potomac are directed to explain that the demands for Mission work in the bounds of this Classis prevent us from assuming the whole amount apportioned to us.

20. Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. M. L. Lyerly and P. Barringer are appointed a Committee to install Rev. B. F. Davis pastor of the Concord Charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,

J. C. HILEMAN.

The report was taken up by items and disposed of as follows:

Item 1. The following report was received and adopted :

Your Committee to whom candidates for the ministry who desire beneficiary aid were referred beg leave to report :

That Mr. Robt. T. Cecil, a student of Catawba College, has been received under the care of this Committee and granted aid to the extent of \$75.

J. L. MURPHY,

J. C. CLAPP,

H. A. FORNEY.

The Committee is continued for the next Classical year.

Item 2. The following report was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina :

As Missionary appointed by Classis last year to look after the interests of the Reformed Church in the town of Thomasville, and to organize a congregation if advisable, I beg leave to make the following report: Immediately after the adjournment of Classis I went to Thomasville and sought out all the members of the Reformed Church that I could find. These were ready and willing to enter into an organization. Meantime I corresponded with the Superintendent of Missions and through him succeeded in having Thomasville enrolled by the Board as a Mission under its care. In the month of June a congregation with sixteen members was organized under the name of Heidelberg Reformed Church. Services were at first held in a private house. Lately Elder W. L. Myers has given the congregation the use of his hall in which the services are at present held. A desirable lot has been secured and the erection of a Church undertaken. The new enterprise is in an encouraging condition. I hereby hand over to the Classis this new congregation and ask that Heidelberg Reformed Church of Thomasville be recognized as a Charge belonging to the Classis of North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

Elder J. T. Long of this congregation was now admitted to a seat as a member of Classis.

Item 3. Attended to.

Item 4. The following report was received and adopted:

We, your attorneys appointed to dispose of a certain tract of land known as the Huffinan Stand property, in Davidson County, beg leave to make the following report: We have not been able to dispose of the lot on satisfactory terms. We think that there is a possibility of doing so in the future, and suggest that attorneys be appointed to act during the coming Classical Year.

D. H. HINKLE,
L. EVERHART.

The same attorneys were appointed with the instructions of last year.

Item 5. The following report was received and adopted:

To the Classis of North Carolina: Your Committee to install Rev. Paul Barringer pastor of the East Rowan Charge beg leave to make the following report: The duty was attended to by two members of the Committee on the second Sunday in July last. Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly preached the sermon and delivered the charge to the pastor; Rev. J. C. Leonard delivered the charge to the people, and read the order as prescribed by the Directory of Worship.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
J. W. CECIL,
J. M. L. LYERLY.

Item 6. The following report was received and adopted:

According to instructions given me by the North Carolina Classis at its annual meeting on last year, I organized a congregation in the town of Mt. Pleasant in November with a membership of nine confirmed and eight unconfirmed. The Board of Home Missions enrolled this Church among its number of Missions and voted an appropriation of \$100 for the next year. We recommend that this Church or organization be received by Classis and placed under the care of the pastor of the East Rowan Charge.

PAUL BARRINGER.

Item 7. No report before Classis. The Committee is continued.

Item 8. A seal was procured and is now in the keeping of the Stated Clerk.

Item 9. The Committee having failed to report to this Classis the following resolution was adopted: *Resolved*, that a committee of three, consisting of Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp and Elders J. R. Woods and B. F. Low, be empowered to confer with the pastor and officers of the Guilford Charge and settle the claims of Rev. Dr. G. W. Welker as pastor of the Guilford Charge.

Item 10. The item is referred to a special Committee for investigation. The Committee consists of Revs. J. C. Clapp, P. M. Trexler and Elder Jacob Crooks.

Item 11. The duty was not attended to.

Item 12. The following report was received and adopted:

To the Classis of North Carolina: I beg leave to report that, under the direction of Classis, I had two hundred statistical blanks for the reports of Charges to Classis printed. The cost for printing was \$2.00.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

Item 13. The following report was received and adopted:

To the Classis of North Carolina: Your Committee to ordain licentiate Wm. H. McNairy and install him pastor of the Lower Davidson Charge beg leave to report the duty attended to on the fifth Sunday in last July, by two members of the Committee. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Leonard in the morning, and the brother was solemnly ordained to the Holy Ministry by prayer and the laying on of hands. In the afternoon the installation sermon was preached by Rev. M. L. Hedrick who also delivered the charge to the pastor. Rev. J. C. Leonard delivered the charge to the people. The forms prescribed by the Directory of Worship were used in these services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

J. W. CECIL.

Item 14. Reported attended to.

The hour of eleven o'clock having now arrived, Classis took a recess until after the sermon and the noon intermission.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order by the President. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The regular devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. H. Smith.

Rev. M. L. Hedrick appeared and took his seat; also Elder S. M. Finger of the Newton Charge. Elders P. J. Leonard, J. F. Link and J. P. Long were invited to seats as advisory members.

Consideration of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of Classis was resumed.

Item 15. The following report was received and adopted:

To the Reformed Classis of North Carolina: We beg leave to make the following report of the Burlington Mission committed to our care at the annual meeting of last year: We held only two services there during the year. We have no house of worship and hence we have some difficulty in securing a house to hold services in at times convenient for us to go there. The outlook for the Mission is not very promising. We believe that a congregation can be organized and built up there provided a good live, energetic minister can be placed over the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW.

Item 16. Laid on the table until the Treasurer of Classis makes his report.

Item 17. The Parochial Report was read and referred to the proper Committee.

Item 18. Referred to the special Committee called for in item 10

Item 19. The following report was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina: The delegates

to the Synod of the Potomac beg leave to report that they explained to Synod that the demands for Mission Work in our own Classis prevent us from assuming the whole amount apportioned to this Classis; that the Synod gave us a cordial and cheerful hearing, and by a unanimous vote excused the arrearages. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

J. M. L. LYERLY,

PAUL BARRINGER.

Item 20. The following report was received and adopted: Reverend Classis: The Committee appointed to install Rev. B. F. Davis pastor of Concord Charge beg leave to report that the duty was performed on the first Sunday in September, 1894.

J. L. MURPHY,

PAUL BARRINGER,

J. M. L. LYERLY.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Special Committee created under item 10 of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of Classis reported as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred item 10, beg leave to report as follows: That in its judgment the conditions on which fifty dollars were promised to Mt. Bethel Mission were complied with, and we recommend that the Treasurer be authorized to pay the amount to Rev. J. L. Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP,

P. M. TREXLER,

H. J. CROOKS.

The Standing Committee on Overtures made the following report:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina: Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following papers placed in our hands, as claiming the attention of Classis, viz:

Item 1. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 2. A report and request from Robt. Cecil a student for the ministry.

Item 3. Notice of the reception of Rev. J. Richards by Tiffin Classis.

Item 4. Notice of the reception of Rev. D. P. Lefever by Mercersburg Classis.

Item 5. A request from Central Rowan Charge asking Classis to supplement their pastor's salary.

Item 6. A memorial from Guilford Charge enlisting the co-operation of Classis in erecting a monument to perpetuate the memory of the sainted Dr. Geo. Wm. Welker.

Item 7. A copy of Dr. Welker's historical sketch of the Classis of North Carolina, presented by Rev. J. L. Murphy the publisher.

Item 8. Catawba Charge requests the return of \$14 paid to the Treasurer of Classis for the Theological Professorship in connection with Catawba College.

Item 9. The same Charge requests Classis to supplement their pastor's salary.

Item 10. The same Charge requests Classis to assist Trinity Congregation of Conover to pay its indebtedness.

Item 11. A memorial from Heidelberg Reformed Church of Thomasville asking for \$500 towards building a house of worship.

Item 12. Annual report of the General Board of Missions for the year ending April 1st, 1895.

Item 13. Catalogue of Catawba College.

Item 14. A request from Lower Davidson Charge asking Classis to supplement its pastor's salary.

Item 15. An overture from Beulah Congregation concerning the use of unfermented wine in the Holy Communion.

Item 16. Theological Student Clarence Clapp asks to be taken under the care of Classis as a candidate for the Holy Ministry in the Reformed Church in the United States.

Item 17. A request from Mt. Tabor Mission asking Classis to supplement its pastor's salary.

A. H. SMITH.

W. H. McNAIRY,

B. F. LOW.

The report was taken up by items and disposed of as follows:

Item 1. The following statements of the Board of Foreign Missions are incorporated in the Minutes of Classis:

To the Classis of North Carolina :

Rev. and Dear Brethren :

As the Board of Foreign missions we come to you with our usual cordial and joyous greetings. We are profoundly grateful to a gracious Providence in being able to say that the bodily afflictions under which two of our workers in the field labored during the past year have been happily surmounted. Rev. D. B. Schneder, after a slow convalescence from his terrible attack of typhoid fever, is again able to resume his accustomed labors. Mrs. Rev. Dr. Moore, after having been subjected to a very grave surgical operation, is again laboring among the poor and the sick in the hospitals, having recently been permitted to include the military hospital in Sendai in the field of her labor.

Within the last six months a most surprising and joyous change has developed in the attitude, especially of the military and governmental classes in Japan, towards Christianity. The recent revision of the treaties has gone far to extinguish the anti-foreign feeling which so largely prevailed among the people. The military classes from the beginning have been bitterly hostile to our holy religion. It was alleged against it, that it was inimical to the spirit of patriotism. This false notion, led, on the outbreak of the war with China, to a most jealous scrutiny of the conduct of the Christians in the army. To their great surprise the Christian soldiers were uniformly discovered to be better behaved,

truer to duty, more amenable to military discipline, braver in battle and more fearless of death than their heathen compatriots. As a consequence, permission has been granted for the distribution of the Scriptures in the armies in the field and in the barracks, as also in many of them, the preaching of the Gospel. Over 150,000 copies of the Gospels have been and are being thus distributed. Formal permission to do so was granted by the commander of the Imperial Guards, who is a cousin of the Emperor, who is thus very near the throne. Four Christian chaplains have been appointed for the army in the field.

Our more immediate mission work has been going steadily and prosperously forward. This we learn from the reports of the Mission and more minutely and specifically from Rev. W. E. Hoy, who, after a service of about nine years in Japan, is now at home on furlough. His accounts are very inspiring, which he will detail to our people in his travels through the Church, which will be as extensive as strength, distance and time will allow. He is now engaged in these travels. We would be glad could he reach every pastoral charge. But this is impossible.

The number of believers now included in our work has reached 2,000 or more, and every year increases the number. There are from 160 to 170 students in our Tohoku Gakuin, and graduates from the Theological Department are going out every year as preachers of the gospel. The present year will send out five more. New preaching stations are being established. There are at present some 55 candidates for the ministry in our school.

The Girls School, reorganized by the entrance of Miss Lena Zurfluh, who takes the place of Dr. and Mrs. Moore, and who with the approval of Miss Hollowell was elected principal, is full well nigh to overflowing with scholars. More could be gathered in had we means for their accommodation. The Mission has importuned the Board to erect another building, but with its present income this is an impossibility. There

are in the school about 55 scholars. The W. M. S. G. S. has assumed the entire support of this school.

During the past year Rev. S. S. Snyder, the C. E. Missionary, was sent out, and during Rev. Hoy's absence is doing large work in the male school as one of the teachers. Mr. Christopher Noss is under appointment and will go out to Japan the latter part of this year. He is now taking a post-graduate course in Berlin, Germany.

The outlook is more assuring than it was a year ago. And the only thing that restrains the Board from enlarging its operations, which providential indications so clearly call for, is that our home church has not yet reached that measure of Christian liberality for which our growing work so urgently calls.

The Board most earnestly and urgently requests your Reverend body to adopt such measures as will inspire a new zeal and more liberal activity, that we do not come short in the work which God has most unmistakably given us as a church to do.

Your Servant in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Item 2. The item is adopted and the request is referred to the Committee to recommend and receive applicants for Beneficiary Aid.

Item 3. Adopted.

Item 4. Adopted.

Item 5. Referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. Paul Barringer, B. F. Davis and Elder S. T. Wilfong.

Item 6. Referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. B. F. Davis, J. D. Andrew and Elder S. M. Finger.

Item 7. The Historical Sketch is received and placed in the archives of Classis.

Item 8. Laid on the table until the Committee on the Minutes of Synod reports.

Item 9. Referred to the Committee created under item 5.

Item 10. Referred to same Committee.

Item 11. Referred to same Committee.

Item 12. Referred to a Special Committee consisting of Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, M. L. Hedrick and Elder W. P. Goodnight.

Item 13. The Catalogue is placed in the archives of Classis.

Item 14. Referred to the Committee created under item 5.

Item 15. *Resolved* that we recommend to our churches thoughtful consideration of the use of unfermented wine in the Holy Communion.

Item 16. The request is granted and the brother is received under the care of Classis.

Item 17. Referred to Special Committee called for in item 5.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The closing hour having arrived, Classis adjourned with the Doxology and the Benediction by Rev. J. C. Leonard.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 3rd.

Classis was called to order by the President. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Murphy. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted. Rev. A. Shulenberger of the Maryland Classis was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The presence of Revs. A. R. Beck of the Lutheran Church and Ira Irwin of the Methodist Church was recognized.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod made the following report:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Potomac Synod beg leave to submit the following report:

Item 1. Revs. Paul Barringer, J. C. Leonard and J. M. L. Lyerly were delegates at Synod.

Item 2. The action of Synod in regard to the Theological Professorship at Catawba College.

Item 3. Synod requests the Classes that have contributed to this fund to pay the same over to Catawba College.

Item 4. Synod requests the Classes to urge the payment of the Foreign Mission apportionment in full.

Item 5. Synod apportions to this Classis \$755 for Home Missions.

Item 6. For Foreign Missions \$428.

Item 7. For Hungarian Missions \$44.

Item 8. Current expenses of the Seminary at Lancaster \$35.

Item 9. Contingent expenses of General Synod \$37.

Item 10. Contingent expenses of Potomac Synod \$49.

Item 11. Calvin College at Cleveland, Ohio, \$25.

Item 12. English Mission in Chicago \$82.

Item 13. Church Building \$169.

Item 14. Synod reports this Classis in arrears \$10 on Harbor Mission fund.

Item 15. The attention of Classis is called to the Sunday School work.

Item 16. The special attention of Classes is called to the "Society for the relief of aged ministers and their widows."

Item 17. The attention of the Classes is called to our Orphan Homes.

Item 18. The Synod of the Potomac will meet in Frederick, Md., October 22nd, 1895, at 7:30 P. M.

J. L. MURPHY,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

S. T. WILFONG.

The report was taken up by items and disposed of as follows:

Item 1. Adopted.

Item 2. Laid on the table.

Item 3. This item and item 8 of the report of the Committee on Overtures are referred to a special Committee consisting of Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. W. Cecil and Elder J. C. Hileman.

Item 4. *Resolved*, That Classis heartily endorses the spirit of the tentative apportionment for Foreign Missions,

and will exert itself to contribute as much as possible to this worthy cause.

Item 5. Laid on the table until the special Committee on Aid to Charges reports.

Item 6. Classis can not assume the apportionment but expresses itself in the action under item 4.

Item 7. Not assumed.

The time for the order of the day having arrived Classis took a recess until after the Educational Meeting and the noon intermission.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. M. L. Hedrick. Elders H. L. Clodfelter, A. P. Long, Allen Hedrick and W. L. Myers were invited to seats as advisory members.

Consideration of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod was resumed.

Item 8. Not assumed.

Item 9. Adopted.

Item 10. Adopted.

Item 11. *Resolved*, That out of consideration for our own institutions we do not see our way clear to accept the apportionment for Calvin College.

Item 12. *Resolved*, That in view of the imperative demands for Church building in the bounds of our Classis, all of which is mission ground, we can not accept the apportionment for an English Reformed Church in Chicago, greatly as we desire to see that enterprise succeed.

Item 13. Referred to special Committee on aid already created.

Item 14. *Resolved*, That if the arrearage be not a mistake we ask to be excused from its payment.

Item 15. The action of Synod is endorsed as follows:

Resolved, That the Classes of Synod be requested heartily to commend the Sunday School work to our pastors, con-

sistories and people, and that special efforts be put forth to increase the membership and efficiency of our Schools.

Resolved, That we adopt the following action of the Sunday School Board of the General Synod, viz: "That the Classes be requested to recommend to their pastors and Sunday Schools the making of 'Children's Day,' the time for giving their annual offerings for the support of the work of the Board, it being understood that the one cent a member, authorized by the General Synod, be considered as included in the Children's Day offering: and further that the Sunday Schools which do not give the Children's Day offering, be kindly asked to contribute one cent a member for the work of the Sunday School Board of the General Synod annually."

Item 16. The matter is referred to Rev. A. H. Smith for investigation.

Item 17. The action of Synod with reference to our orphan homes is endorsed as follows:

Resolved, That the blessing vouchsafed to these orphan homes calls for our sincerest gratitude to Him who has not only promised, but has and ever will prove Himself to be the Father of the fatherless.

Resolved, That we commend these orphan homes to the hearty sympathy, earnest prayer and generous support of our Classes, pastors and people, so that a larger number of these little ones may be suitably cared for.

Resolved, That we recommend to our pastors and consistories that, in the distribution of their offerings for this cause, they bear in mind that the orphans from our bounds are almost equally divided between Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes.

Item 18. - Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Special Committee on the Dr. Welker monument made the following report:

Your Special Committee on the Dr. Welker memorial monument beg leave to report as follows: *Resolved*, That Classis highly approves the marking of the last resting place of the

late lamented Dr. Geo. W. Welker by a suitable monument as contemplated by his family and friends.

Resolved, That we commend this movement to the favorable consideration of the individual members of our congregations, and suggest that they contribute through their pastors or otherwise such amounts as they may be willing.

Resolved, That if more shall be contributed than is wanted for the monument in granite or marble or brass, the surplus be given to the Classis to be used for the benefit of the church as a memorial to Dr. Welker, more enduring than stone or brass.

B. F. DAVIS,
S. M. FINGER,
J. D. ANDREW.

The report was adopted.

At this point Rev. S. G. Walker (colored) was given time to present the claims of the "Academical and Industrial Institute" which he represents. Classis gave him a cordial hearing, and took the following action:

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina commends to the favorable consideration of all persons to whom the matter may be presented the Industrial School Work under the care of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of North Carolina, and now represented by Rev. S. G. Walker of North Wilksboro, North Carolina.

The Treasurer of Classis now made his Annual Report as follows:

MAY 1ST, 1895.

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina, Calvary Church, Upper Davidson Charge: I beg leave to make my Annual Report as follows:

CONTINGENT FUND.

	APPORTIONED.	PAID.
To Guilford Charge.....	\$20.00	\$20.01
To West Rowan Charge.....	18.00	15.00

To East Rowan Charge.....	22.00	22.00
To Concord Charge.....	18.00	18.00
To Hickory Charge.....	15.50	15.50
To Upper Davidson Charge.....	25.00	25.00
To Lower Davidson Charge.....	15.00	15.00
To Central Rowan Charge.....	10.00	10.00
To Lincoln Charge.....	15.50	15.50
To Newton Charge.....	10.00	10.00
To Catawba Charge.....	10.00	10.00
To Mt. Bethel Mission.....	2 50	2 50
To Mt. Tabor Mission.....	2 50	2 50

\$181.01

BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To Rev. J. C. Leonard, Stated Clerk.....	\$28.25
To H. A. Forney, Treasurer, Salary,.....	10.00
To Rev. J. L. Murphy to pay for Printing Minutes of Classis	23.00
To Rev. J. C. Leonard, Stated Clerk, for Manuscript of Minutes of Classis.....	5.00
To T. W. Blake, for Repairing Seal.....	3.55
To Edgar Slagle, Treasurer, Contingent Fund, Po- tomac and General Synods.....	86.00
To Rev. J. L. Murphy, Balance Expenses to Synod.....	9.98
To Rev. J. C. Leonard, Balance Expenses to Synod....	12.66

\$178.44

In Treasury.....	2.57
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BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

	APPORTIONED.	PAID.
To Amount in Treasury, 1894.....		\$ 5 28
To Guilford Charge.....	\$22.00	22.00
To West Rowan Charge.....	14.00	00.00
To East Rowan Charge.....	17.00	17.00
To Concord Charge.....	14.00	14.00
To Hickory Charge.....	14.00	14.00
To Upper Davidson Charge.....	17.00	17.00
To Lower Davidson Charge.....	11.00	11.00
To Central Rowan Charge.....	8.00	8.00
To Lincoln Charge.....	11.00	11.00
To Newton Charge.....	10.00	10.00
To Catawba Charge.....	10.00	10.00

To Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1.00	1.00
To Mt. Tabor Mission.....	1.00	1.00
Total paid in.....		<u>\$141.28</u>

BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To W. H. McNairy.....	\$14 60
To H. A. M. Holshouser.....	7.30
To Robt. T. Cecil.....	<u>75.00</u>
Total paid out.....	<u>\$96.90</u>
In Treasury.....	<u>\$44.38</u>

HOME MISSIONS.

APPORTIONED. PAID.

To Amount in Treasury, 1894.....	\$45.19
To Guilford Charge.....	\$40.00 42.30
To West Rowan Charge.....	25 00 25.00
To East Rowan Charge.....	35 00 35.00
To Concord Charge.....	25 00 25.00
To Hickory Charge.....	25 00 30.00
To Upper Davidson Charge.....	30.00 30 00
To Lower Davidson Charge.....	22.00 22.00
To Central Rowan Charge.....	18.00 18.00
To Lincoln Charge.....	20 00 20.01
To Newton Charge.....	18 00 31.73
To Catawba Charge.....	18 00 18.00
To Mt. Bethel Mission.....	3.00 3.00
To Mt. Tabor Mission.....	3.00 3.00
Total paid in.....	<u>\$348.23</u>

BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To Treasurer of Board of Home Missions.....	\$50.00
To Rev. J. L. Murphy.....	50.00
To Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.....	100.00
To Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.....	50.00
To Rev. W. H. McNairy.....	50.00
To Rev. M. L. Hedrick.....	<u>25.00</u>
Total paid out.....	<u>\$325.00</u>
In Treasury.....	<u>\$23.23</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To Amount in Treasury, 1894.....	\$19.00
To Guilford Charge.....	16.54
To West Rowan Charge.....	2 60
To East Rowan Charge.....	78.45
To Hickory Charge.....	20 00
To Upper Davidson Charge.....	30.35
To Lincoln Charge.....	20.11
To Newton Charge.....	34 40
To Catawba Charge.....	1.26
To Mt. Bethel Mission.....	.07
To Concord Charge.....	10.40
To Lower Davidson Charge.....	3.00
	\$236.18

BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer of Board of Foreign Missions.....	186.90
In Treasury.....	\$49.29

BENEFICIARY OBJECTS.

To West Rowan Charge, St. Paul's Sunday School.....	4.00
To Newton Charge, Grace Reformed Sunday School.....	7.78
	\$ 11.78

BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To Rev. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer of Gen- eral Sunday-School Board.....	11.78
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THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORSHIP.

To Amount in Treasury, 1894.....	\$54.71
To Catawba Charge.....	4.00
To Catawba Charge.....	8.00
To Upper Davidson Charge.....	8.00
In Treasury.....	74.71

By request I make special mention of several donations, that did not come into my hands as Treasurer, from Concord Charge, Trinity Charge, in answer to appeals for aid.

To Home Missions.....	\$ 2.35
To Foreign Missions.....	5.00
To Children's Day Offering.....	1.64
Butler Orphan Home.....	10.00
	\$18.99

H. A. FORNEY,

Treasurer of the Classis of North Carolina.

This report was referred to the Committee on Finance to audit.

The Board of Trustees of Catawba College made their annual report as follows:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina: We beg to make the following condensed report of the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, held at Newton during Commencement Week of said College, on the 16th and 17th days of May, 1894: Sixteen of the nineteen members of the Board were present. The President, Judge M. L. McCorkle, was in the chair. Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., led in prayer. The meeting was declared ready for business.

Dr. J. C. Clapp, President of the College, made his report. This report was referred to a Special Committee. Two items of this Special Committee's report are of direct interest. (1) Indebtedness as compared with last year. (2) The old debt. The College was found to owe on salaries and other expenses \$2,562, as compared with \$2,111 for the last year. Tuition accounts considered good were found to amount to \$1,410; doubtful and bad \$550; interest due for last year and previous years on General Endowment \$500, and on Alumni Fund \$240. Total due in good assets \$2,200; leaving a deficit of \$362.

It was found that the old debt amounted to about \$1,624.

In view of the above the following resolutions were adopted: *Resolved*, That for the purpose of settling in full all claims against the institution, except what is known as the

“old debt” amounting to \$1,624.33, all uncollected tuition accounts up to and including the scholastic year now ending be paid over to the President and Professors without recourse upon their agreeing to pay said claims including all unpaid salaries; and further that for the same purpose all uncollected interest on the Endowment due January 1st, 1894, and all uncollected interest due Alumni Fund to May 25th, 1894, be also turned over to said President and Professors, they to collect the same.

Resolved, That upon the acceptance of the above proposition by the President and Professors, we accept the proposition of Hon. A. A. Shuford that we will surrender to him his two notes amounting to \$1,100 upon the payment by him of \$1,300 of said “old debt” of \$1,624.33.

To make good the balance of \$324.33 the following amounts were subscribed: Rev. Paul Barringer \$150; Smyre, Rhyne & Co. \$25; Hon. S. T. Wilfong \$25; Judge M. L. McCorkle \$25; D. M. Carpenter \$25; Dr. J. C. Clapp \$25; Rev. J. C. Leonard \$10; Reuben Setzer \$10; J. B. Leonard \$5; Dr. J. A. Foil \$5; Rev. J. L. Murphy \$5. Total paid \$1,610. With this amount the Secretary and Treasurer proceeded to settle the “old debt” and now have the great pleasure of reporting Catawba College once more out of debt; and may the institution so remain.

Dr. J. A. Foil, Treasurer *pro tem.*, made his report showing the financial condition of the College as follows: Received from tuition, interest on Endowment, Alumni Fund, etc., \$3,733.92. Paid out on salaries, etc., \$3,733.92. Received principal on Endowment \$150.00.

Dr. J. A. Foil was elected Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Dr. J. C. Clapp, President of the College, stated that Harvey A. M. Holshouser, William H. McNairy and James L. Graham had completed the prescribed College Course, and recommended that the Board confer upon them the degree of A. B. On motion the Board conferred the degree named.

It was decided that the Board should hereafter meet on Tuesday at 2 o'clock P. M. during Commencement Week of the College.

What shall we do with Catawba College? This is the important question to come before the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting in May. Drs. Clapp and Foil have taken the school for the year ending May 23rd, 1895, for the tuition and interest on Endowment and Alumni Fund. We can truly state that Catawba College is out of debt, and so far as the Trustees are interested owes no man a cent.

The time of the following named Trustees will expire in 1895: Dr. J. A. Foil, Hon. L. R. Whitener, Hon. S. M. Finger, Dr. P. M. Trexler, P. W. Whitener and W. E. Deal.

Isaac E. Paine, a member of the Board, whose term would have expired in 1897, died on the 23rd day of May, 1894.

M. L. McCORKLE, President,

H. A. FORNEY, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The Special Committee created under item 3 of the report on the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac made the following report:

The Committee to which were referred item 3 of the report on the Minutes of Potomac Synod and the overture from Catawba Charge recommends that the following action be taken: *Resolved*, That the Classis of North Carolina gratefully endorses the action of the Synod of the Potomac requesting that the several Classes contributing to the Theological Fund turn the same over to the trustees of Catawba College for the use of the General Endowment Fund.

J. C. CLAPP,

J. W. CECIL,

J. C. HILEMAN.

The report was adopted.

At this point a Committee on Leave of Absence, consisting of Revs. J. C. Clapp, Paul Barringer and Elder W. P. Goodnight, was appointed.

Revs. John Ingle and J. H. Shuford were excused for absence from this meeting of Classis.

The following amounts were ordered to be paid: Stated Clerk's salary and expenses, \$24.57; delegates to Synod, Rev. Paul Barringer \$20; Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly \$20; Rev. J. C. Leonard \$13.

The special Committee created under item 5 of the report on Overtures made the following report:

Your Committee to whom were referred the different requests for aid beg leave to report the following:

1. Mt. Bethel asks aid to the amount of \$25. We recommend that it be granted on the same conditions as last year.

2. Mt. Tabor also asks aid to the amount of \$25. We recommend that this amount be granted on the condition that they have Catechetical instruction, regular preaching and all back dues be paid to date of next annual meeting of Classis. And in case these conditions be not complied with the appropriation shall be only \$15.

3. Lower Davidson asks aid to supplement the pastor's salary to the amount of \$50. We recommend that this amount be granted on condition that they have regular services.

4. The Central Rowan Charge asks aid to supplement the pastor's salary to the amount of \$75. We recommend that \$50 be given on the condition that regular services be had.

5. Catawba Charge also asks that Classis allow aid for that charge on salary to the amount of \$100. We recommend that this amount be granted on condition that they have regular service.

6. Trinity Reformed Church of Conover of the Catawba Charge also asks that \$100 be allowed it by Classis to help discharge a debt resting upon its house of worship. We recommend that the amount asked for be granted, and that it be raised in two equal annual installments of \$50 each.

7. Heidelberg Reformed Church of Thomasville asks aid, to complete its church building, to the extent of \$500. We

recommend that \$400 be given for this purpose, and that the amount be raised in two equal annual installments.

8. On item 14 of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod which was referred to us we recommend the following for adoption :

Whereas, The Classis of North Carolina is asked to contribute at least \$500 for Church Building in our own bounds, and

Whereas, Our needs are imperative and can not be neglected without retarding our onward progress, therefore

Resolved, That we do not see our way clear to assume the amount apportioned to us by the Synod of the Potomac for Church Building.

9. We recommend that the above several amounts be referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

PAUL BARRINGER,

B. F. DAVIS,

S. T. WILFONG.

This report was considered by items, and finally adopted as a whole.

Item 5 of the report on the Minutes of Synod was taken from the table and the following action taken :

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina is in hearty sympathy with the work of the Board of Home Missions, and regrets that the demands in her own boundaries prevent her from meeting the assessment made by the Synod of the Potomac.

Resolved, That our delegates explain this at the next meeting of Synod, and ask that any arrearages on our part be excused.

The special Committee on item 12 of the report on Overtures made the following report :

The Special Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the General Board of Home Missions beg leave to report : that we have examined the said annual report of the General Board, and learn with pleasure of the prosperity of

the missions of our Church, but regret exceedingly that the financial support and encouragement to the cause is so reluctantly given.

For the purpose of supporting the work and undertaking other necessary work, your Committee would recommend: that some time during the year, our pastors be instructed to present the claims of Home Missions to our people, and make efforts to increase our interest in and support of our missions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,
M. L. HEDRICK,
W. P. GOODNIGHT.

The report was adopted.

For Beneficiary Education Classis assumes \$156; and for printing the minutes of this session of Classis \$35.

The day's session now closed with the Doxology and Benediction.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 4th.

Classis was called to order at the regular time. The roll was called and a quorum found present. Devotional services were conducted by the President. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Elder P. I. Nifong was admitted to a seat as an advisory member. The presence of Rev. Hall of the Baptist Church was recognized.

It was ordered that the Treasurer should be paid \$13.85 for his expenses incurred in attending this meeting of Classis and for his services during the past year.

The committee on Nominations made the following report:

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to make the following report:

Delegates to Potomac Synod: *Primarii*: Ministers—A. H. Smith, J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. L. Murphy and J. D. Andrew; Elders—Maj. S. M. Finger, S. T. Wiltong, W. P. Goodnight and Daniel Palmer. *Secundi*: Ministers—P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. C. Leonard and H. A. M.

Holshouser; Elders—B. F. Low, J. C. Peeler, W. P. Bost and Jacob Crooks.

Trustees of Catawba College: Dr. J. A. Foil, Hon. L. R. Whitener, Hon. S. M. Finger, Dr. P. M. Trexler, P. W. Whitener, Wm. E. Deal, and for the unexpired term of Isaac Paine, deceased, J. D. Andrew.

Treasurer of Classis: Col. H. A. Forney.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. DAVIS,

PAUL BARRINGER.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

To the Reverend North Carolina Classis:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report: That they have examined the report of the Treasurer of Classis and find it correct, and recommend the adoption of the same.

D. A. LONG,

S. T. WILFONG.

Your Committee further report that they have apportioned the assessments made by Classis for different objects as follows:

CONTINGENT FUND.

Guilford Charge.....	\$ 25.00
West Rowan Charge.....	20.00
East Rowan Charge.....	24 00
Concord Charge.....	20.00
Hickory Charge.....	15.50
Upper Davidson Charge.....	25.00
Lower Davidson Charge.....	15.00
Central Rowan Charge.....	10.00
Lincoln Charge.....	18.00
Newton Charge.....	10.00
Catawba Charge.....	10.00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	2.50
Mt. Tabor Mission.....	2.50
Mt Pleasant Mission.....	1.00
Thomasville Mission.....	1.50

\$200.00

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Guilford Charge ..	\$ 22.00
West Rowan Charge.....	15.00
East Rowan Charge.....	18.00
Concord Charge.....	15 00
Hickory Charge.....	14 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	18.00
Lower Davidson Charge.....	11.00
Central Rowan Charge.....	9.00
Lincoln Charge.....	14 00
Newton Charge.....	10.00
Catawba Charge.....	10 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1.00
Mt. Tabor Mission.....	1.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission.....	1 00
Thomasville Mission.....	1.00

\$160.00

HOME MISSIONS.

Guilford Charge.....	\$ 24.00
West Rowan Charge.....	16.00
East Rowan Charge.....	18.00
Concord Charge	16.00
Hickory Charge.....	16 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	26 00
Lower Davidson Charge.....	14 00
Central Rowan Charge.....	10.00
Lincoln Charge.....	16.00
Newton Charge.....	12.00
Catawba Charge.....	12.00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	2 00
Mt. Tabor Mission.....	2 00
Mt. Pleasant Mission.....	1 00
Thomasville Mission.....	3 00

\$198.00

CHURCH BUILDING.

Guilford Charge.....	\$ 37.00
West Rowan Charge.....	25.00
East Rowan Charge	33.00
Concord Charge.....	25 00
Hickory Charge.....	25.00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	40.00

Lower Davidson Charge.....	22 00
Central Rowan Charge.....	16.00
Lincoln Charge.....	25.00
Newton Charge.....	20.00
Catawba Charge.....	20.00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	3.00
Mt. Tabor Mission.....	3.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission.....	1.00
Thomasville Mission.....	5.00

\$300.00

Your Committee also further find that West Rowan Charge is short \$3 on the Contingent Fund and \$14 on Beneficiary Education; total \$17. We recommend that the said West Rowan Charge be relieved from the payment of said amount on condition that the Charge hereafter fully comply with the assessments of Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. FORNEY,
D. A. LONG,
S. T. WILFONG.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Examination and Licensure made the following report:

The Committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report that no applicant appeared.

J. C. CLAPP,
P. M. TREXLER,
H. J. CROOKS.

The report was adopted.

The Reportorial Committee made the following report:

Your Committee on reporting for the press beg leave to report that they have or will furnish the following papers with matter for publication: *Daily Charlotte Observer*, Catawba County, Salisbury, Lexington and Thomasville papers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
W. H. MCNAIRY.

The Committee on Necrology made the following report :

The Committee on Necrology beg leave to submit the following :

Whereas, The Master has called our venerable father, Rev. Geo. Wm. Welker, D. D., from the scenes of his long life of cherished activity to his eternal rest, be it

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina spread upon her minutes a grateful sense of his eminent virtues, sterling worth, veteran services in the Church and State, heroic championship of truth and human rights, incorruptible integrity, supreme loyalty to Jesus Christ, unwavering faith in God and humanity, unswerving courage in the performance of duty, power in the pulpit, superiority of intellect and nobility of heart; and that we mingle our tears, sympathies and veneration with those of his family and wide circle of sorrowing friends.

J. C. CLAPP,

J. L. MURPHY,

B. F. LOW.

Feeling tributes of respect to the memory of this sainted father were spoken by many members of Classis, and the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Rev. A. H. Smith was appointed to act as Treasurer in the absence of Col. H. A. Forney.

Classis now took a recess until after the regular service preparatory to the Holy Communion and the noon intermission.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order by the President. The roll was called and a quorum was found present. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Leonard.

The following resolution of thanks was passed :

Resolved, That Classis extends its thanks to the good people of Cavalry congregation and friends for their hearty welcome and generous hospitality extended to Classis; and that this resolution be read from the pulpit at the service to-morrow.

The Committee on religion and Statistics made the following report:

Your Committee on Religion and Statistics begs leave to make the following report: We learn from the reports made to your body, that in some respects the Classis is making progress. We are going forward in the life and work of the Church. The pastoral charges are all supplied with the means of grace. The word is preached regularly and the sacraments administered. Family visitations is fairly well performed. The membership, in part, seems to be growing in grace, and in number. These are the two normal directions in which the body of Christ should grow. Some of the congregations are becoming more thoroughly organized and are receiving therefrom good results. The Sunday Schools seem to be in good condition, and are doing a good work among the children and young people. There seems to be a good degree of harmony in the Charges. But, as in the whole body, so in this part of the body, all is not as it should be. Sin is present, and the great enemy of Christ and the Church is still going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. But we may be encouraged when we remember that Christ is greater and stronger than the enemy.

During the last year death has been in our midst, and has taken from us not only some prominent members, but also the Rev. G. Wm. Welker, D. D., to whose memory a proper resolution was passed, and, doubtless, a suitable monument will be erected.

In view of the blessing of the Great Head of the Church during the past year, and relying on His promise, "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," let us thank God and take courage.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. TREXLER,

J. D. ANDREW,

W. P. GOODNIGHT.

The report was adopted.

Classis now proceeded to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting. Trinity Reformed Church of the Catawba Charge, Conover, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Wednesday May 6th, 1896, at 2 o'clock P. M., as the time of the next annual meeting.

Mt. Tabor mission was placed under the care of Rev. M. L. Hedrick, and Mt. Bethel under the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy. The interest of the Reformed Church in Burlington was committed to Rev. J. D. Andrew.

The following action was taken :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to raise a fund to be known as the "Welker Memorial Fund," the interest of which shall be used for Beneficiary Education in Catawba College.

This Committee consists of Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. D. Andrew and Col. H. A. Forney.

The Committee on Religious Services made the following report :

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services :

Thursday :

Sermon by Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

Friday :

Educational Meeting—Address :

1. Our Private Schools and Academies, Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.

2. Address: Catawba College—Past, Present and Future, Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

Saturday :

Preparatory Service: Sermon—Rev. A. Shulenberger.

EVENING SERVICES AT 7:45 O'CLOCK.

Wednesday Evening :

1. Beneficiary Education—Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

2. The Heidelberg Catechism and its Use—Rev. B. F. Davis.

3. Our Church Literature—Rev. J. L. Murphy.

Thursday Evening:

1. Home Missions and Church Extension—Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D.
2. Foreign Missions—Rev. A. H. Smith.
3. Church Societies—Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.

Friday Evening:

1. The Pastor—Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.
2. The Officers—Rev. Paul Barringer.
3. The Congregation—Rev. A. Shulenberger.

Sunday Morning:

1. Communion Sermon—Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.
2. In the Grove, Sermon—Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Sunday Afternoon:

1. Sermon—Rev. B. F. Davis.
2. In the Grove, Sermon—Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

Other Churches:

3. M. E. Church, Thomasville—Rev. J. L. Murphy.
4. Baptist Orphanage Chapel—Rev. Paul Barringer.
5. Presbyterian (colored) Church—Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.

Sunday Afternoon:

Baptist Orphanage Chapel—Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

Sunday Evening:

M. E. Church, Thomasville—Rev. A. H. Smith.

Sunday-School Service—Sunday—10 O'clock A. M.:

1. The Sunday-School—Rev. J. D. Andrew.
2. The Officers—Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.
3. The Sunday-School Teacher—Rev. A. H. Smith.

Closing Services of Classis:

1. Hymn Announced by Rev. M. L. Hedrick.
2. Prayer by Rev. P. M. Trexler.
3. Address by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.
4. Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer and Doxology by the Classis.
5. Benediction by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
J. W. CECIL.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence made the following report:

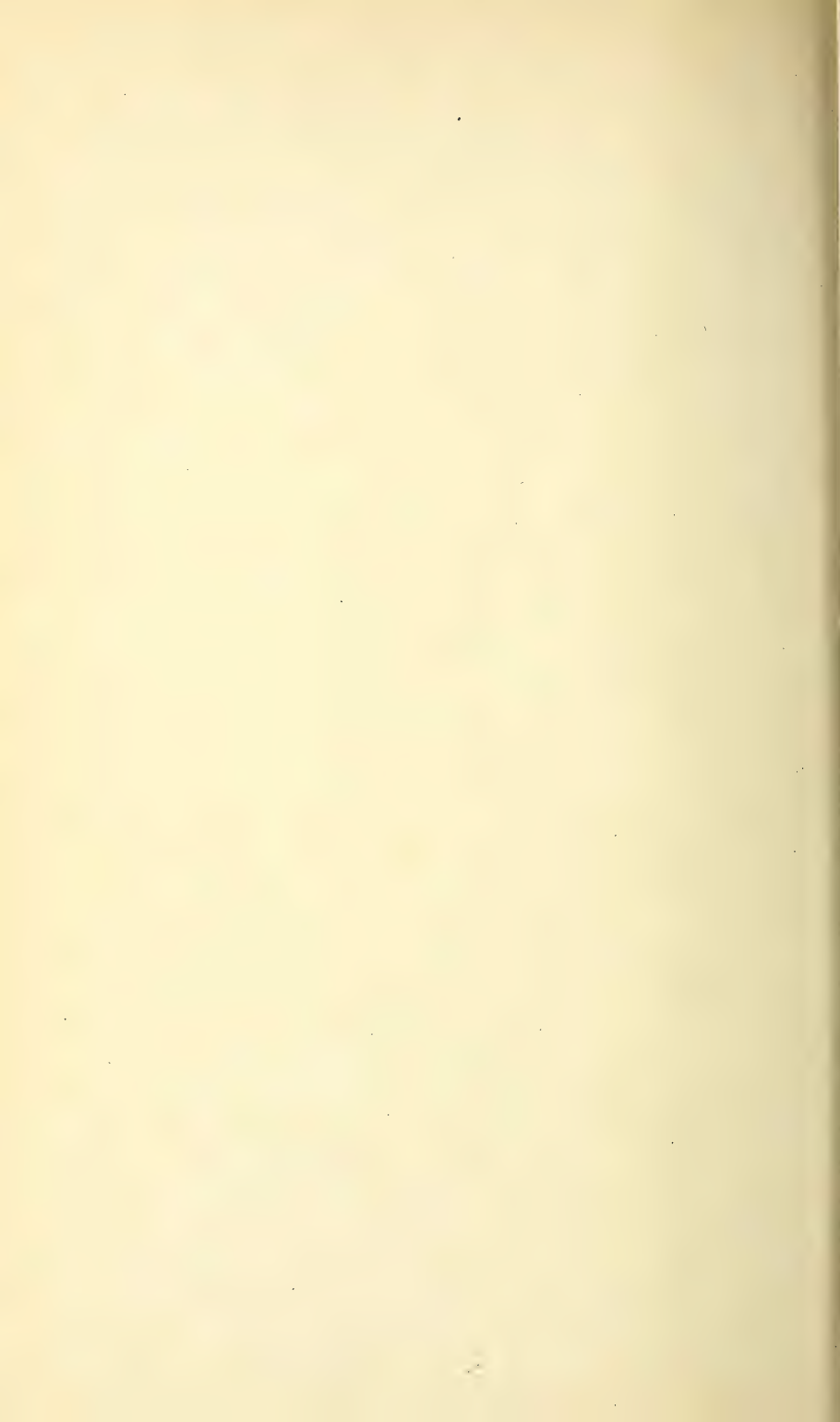
The Committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that the following persons were excused from attendance after Friday evening: Elders B. F. Low, S. M. Finger, H. J. Crooks, W. P. Bost, J. W. Younts and Reuben Grimes.

J. C. CLAPP,
PAUL BARRINGER.

The report was adopted.

Pending the motion to adjourn, the minutes of the day's session were read and approved. The roll was called and all members not previously excused were found in their seats. The services reported by the Committee were now observed, and the President declared the Classis adjourned.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk
of the Classis of North Carolina.



Minutes of the Classis

—OF—

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Sixty-sixth Annual Session,

—HELD AT—

CONOVER, N. C.,

May 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1896.

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OFFICERS OF THE CLASSIS:

PRESIDENT: Rev. A. H. Smith, Newton, North Carolina.

STATED CLERK: Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, North Carolina.

TREASURER: Hon. A. A. Shuford, Hickory, North Carolina.

The Classis of North Carolina.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1896.

The Classis of North Carolina of the Reformed Church in the United States met in annual session in Trinity Reformed Church of the Catawba Charge, Conover, N. C., Wednesday, May 6th, 1896, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Murphy, by appointment of the retiring President, Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., from St. Luke XIX: 33, 34: "Why loose ye the colt? And they said, the Lord hath need of him."

After the sermon the Stated Clerk, in the absence of the President, called the Classis to order, and nominated Rev. Paul Barringer as President *pro tem.*, who took the chair and constituted Classis regularly with reading of Scripture, singing and prayer.

The roll of Classis was called, and the following ministers and elders answered to their names:

MINISTERS: J. C. Clapp, D. D., Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lysterly, A. H. Smith, J. D. Andrew, H. A. M. Holshouser and W. H. McNairy.

ELDERS: J. W. Foil, East Rowan charge; J. W. Robinson, Hickory; A. W. Moose, Mt. Pleasant; L. Everhart, Upper Davidson; J. W. Fouts, Thomasville; D. M. Carpenter, Lincoln; J. R. Woods, Guilford; Jefferson Hedrick, Lower Davidson; S. M. Finger, Newton; Frank Edwards, Catawba; A. G. Bost, (*sec.*), Concord; Joel Corriher, West Rowan.

An election for officers for the ensuing year was held, with Revs. J. L. Murphy and W. H. McNairy acting as tellers. Rev. A. H. Smith was chosen President; Rev. J. D. Andrew Corresponding Secretary; Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

Elders N. I. Rowe, T. L. Hunsucker, P. J. Herman, Nelson Hunsucker and A. F. Hileman were invited to seats as advisory members.

The time for opening and closing the sessions of Classis was fixed as follows: Open in the morning at 9 o'clock; sermon at 11 o'clock each day, followed by a recess of one hour and a quarter; close at 4:30 o'clock.

The President defined the bar of the house to be the pews to the right and six in front of the pulpit.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

The following standing committees were announced by the President:

1. RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, J. A. Foil and elder Frank Edwards.
2. MINUTES OF CLASSIS: Revs. J. C. Leonard, W. H. McNairy and elder J. W. Foil.
3. MINUTES OF POTOMAC SYNOD: Revs. J. D. Andrew, B. F. Davis and elder J. W. Robinson.
4. OVERTURES: Revs. Paul Barringer, J. C. Clapp and elder A. W. Moose.
5. EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE: Revs. J. L. Murphy, Paul Barringer and elder S. M. Finger.
6. NOMINATIONS: Revs. J. C. Clapp, J. M. L. Lyerly and elder L. Everhart.
7. FINANCE: Elders H. A. Forney, D. M. Carpenter and Joel Corriher.
8. RELIGION AND STATISTICS: Revs. J. C. Clapp, J. A. Foil and elder J. W. Fouts.

The following Reportorial Committee was appointed: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. D. Andrew and J. M. L. Lyerly.

Classis adjourned with the doxology, and benediction by Rev. J. L. Murphy.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 7.

Classis was called to order at the stated time by the President. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. H. Smith. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The presence of Rev. J. D. Rowe of the Presbyterian church was recognized. Elder Quince Rowe was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Classis proceeded to the hearing of the parochial reports, which consumed the whole of the morning session. These re-

ports when read were all referred to the standing committee on Religion and Statistics.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived a recess was taken until after the sermon by Rev. J. D. Andrew and the noon intermission, closing with the doxology, and the benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis resumed business at the appointed time. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly. The roll call showed a quorum present.

Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., appeared and took his seat. Elder S. T. Wilfong was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Rev. A. Shulenberger presented a proper certificate of dismission from the Classis of Maryland, Synod of the Potomac, and he was received and his name placed on the roll as a member of the Classis of North Carolina.

The Board of Trustees of Catawba College made their annual report, which was read and placed on file.

MINUTES OF CLASSIS.

The committee on the Minutes of Classis made the following report :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina : Your committee on the Minutes of Classis beg leave to present the following items as requiring consideration :

1. Revs. J. L. Murphy, Dr. J. C. Clapp and elder H. A. Forney constitute the committee on beneficiary education.

2. Messrs. L. Everhart and D. H. Hinkle are the attorneys of Classis to dispose of the Huffman Stand property in Davidson county.

3. Rev. A. H. Smith is directed to correspond with the "Society for the Relief of Aged Ministers and their Widows" to ascertain its operations and the benefits to be derived from it.

4. Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp and elders J. R. Woods and B. F. Low are appointed a committee to confer with the pastor and officers of the Guilford charge and settle the claims of the late Rev. Dr. G. W. Welker as pastor of the Guilford charge.

5. Aid on the support of the salary of pastors is granted, on certain conditions as follows: Mt. Bethel mission, \$25; Mt. Tabor mission, \$25; Lower Davidson charge, \$50; Central Rowan charge, \$50; Catawba charge, \$100.

6. The delegates to the Potomac Synod are instructed to explain why

Classis fails to assume the amount apportioned for Home Missions, and ask that the Classis be excused.

7. Mt. Tabor mission is placed under the care of Rev. M. L. Hedrick.
8. Mt. Bethel mission is placed under the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy.
9. The interest at Burlington is committed to Rev. J. D. Andrew.
10. Revs. Dr. J. A. Foil, J. D. Andrew and elder H. A. Forney are appointed a committee to secure a fund to be known as the "Welker Memorial Fund," the interest of which is to be used for beneficiary education in Catawba College.
11. Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp is directed to reorganize the Lincolnton congregation and have trustees appointed to take charge of the property belonging to the Reformed church in that town.
12. Messrs. M. L. McCorkle, P. D. Hinson and H. E. Ramsaur are appointed trustees and agents of Classis to take charge of Lincolnton Reformed church property until the reorganization shall be effected.
13. Revs. J. L. Murphy, Dr. J. C. Clapp, J. C. Leonard and elders M. L. McCorkle and S. M. Finger are appointed a committee to confer with a committee appointed by the Synod of the Potomac for the purpose of formulating a plan by which Catawba College may be brought into closer relation with the Synod of the Potomac.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
W. H. MCNAIRY,
J. W. FOIL.

The report was taken up by items and disposed of as follows:

ITEM 1. The following report was received:

Your committee on Beneficiary Education beg leave to report as follows: Robt. T. Cecil, a member of the Thomasville charge, and a student at Catawba College, has been under the care of your committee the past year and has received aid to the extent of \$75. Mr. Cecil desires no aid the coming year.

Charles W. Warlick, a member of the Lincoln charge, has received aid to the extent of \$25.

Your committee further report that S. W. Beck and W. H. Cansey have made application for aid during the coming year. Your committee recommend that these persons be received under the care of Classis and granted aid.

J. L. MURPHY,
J. C. CLAPP,
H. A. FORNEY.

The report was adopted, and the committee continued to act during the next year.

ITEM 2. The following report was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina : We, your attorneys appointed to dispose of the Huffman Stand property in Davidson county, beg leave to report that we have sold the property for nineteen dollars, which sum we herewith place in the hands of Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. HINKLE,

L. EVERHART.

ITEM 3. The duty was reported attended to, and a verbal statement was made to Classis.

ITEM 4. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee on settlement between Dr. Welker's estate and the Guilford charge beg leave to report that in their opinion for want of records and dates no satisfactory settlement can be made, and further as the whole matter is out of date we recommend that the committee be discharged.

J. C. CLAPP,

J. R. WOODS.

ITEM 5. The conditions were fulfilled, and the money paid by the Treasurer of Classis.

ITEM 6. The duty was attended to, and all arrearages were excused.

ITEM 7. The duties involved were attended to.

ITEM 8. The duties involved were attended to.

ITEM 9. The following report was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina : We beg leave to submit the following as a report of the Reformed congregation at Burlington, N. C., committed to our care one year ago: Immediately after the annual session of Classis I visited Burlington and called the congregation together. I preached to this unorganized congregation once a month until October 20th, 1895, when by the blessing of God we reorganized with twenty-four members. Since that time there has been one accession to the membership by confirmation. This is now a zealous little band of worshipers. We need a house of our own in which to worship, and a minister to give his entire time to this field. We have recently been encouraged by some substantial offers in the way of a site and building material. This congregation is now in a prosperous condition and the outlook for the future is very promising.

J. D. ANDREW.

ITEM 10. The following report was received :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina : Your committee on the "Welker Memorial Fund" beg leave to make the following report: That we have been able to do but little towards securing funds during the year. Sixty

dollars were pledged a year ago by certain members of Classis to be paid at this time. Since then nothing has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FOIL,

J. D. ANDREW.

The report was adopted, and the obligations made are cancelled and the plan of securing such a fund abandoned.

ITEM 11. The following report was received :

The proper time for organizing a congregation at Lincolnton does not seem to have come, and we ask that the time be extended.

J. C. CLAPP.

The report was adopted.

ITEM 12. The following report was received :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina : The undersigned committee appointed by your reverend body at St. Matthew's church, August, 1895, beg leave to make the following report : That they met in the town of Lincolnton shortly after their appointment and had a conference with a committee on the part of the Lutheran church and agreed with the Lutheran committee, that they might have the ground on which the old church stood, with a small margin around the same for \$75, and the rents of the lots to keep up the grave yard in proper order, which they accepted and have built a house upon the same for worship. No title has been passed and no money paid.

Your committee would recommend that a reorganization of this old church be made, and a title be tendered to the Lutheran church for the grounds so occupied by them and a demand for the money agreed to be given for the undivided half, belonging to the Reformed church. We are very loth to give up this ancient territory where lie the ashes of so many of the sainted dead of the Reformed faith.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. McCORKLE,

H. E. RAMSAUR,

P. D. HINSON.

The report was adopted. The same trustees are continued to act for the Classis.

ITEM 13. The following report was received :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina : Your committee appointed at a special meeting of the Classis, held in Grace church, Newton, N. C., December 9th, 1895, to confer with a committee of the Synod of the Potomac and to devise plans by which Catawba College may be placed under the care of the Synod, beg leave to make the following report : A joint meet-

ing of the committees was held in the town of Newton, N. C., on February 12th, 1896, when the following action was taken:

Responding to the overture of the Potomac Synod recently in session in Frederick, Maryland, and the action of the North Carolina Classis in regard thereto, we the undersigned committees of the said Synod and of the said Classis appointed to consider said overture, beg leave to report that we have agreed upon the following plan, subject to the approval of the said Synod and of the said Classis, relative to placing Catawba College under the care of said Synod:

I. The Classis concedes to the Synod of the Potomac the nomination of the Trustees of the College, who shall make report annually to the said Synod, and agrees to choose in accordance with the charter of the said College passed in 1852, those that may be nominated; and further agrees to make provision as soon as practicable to allow the nominations to be made as aforesaid.

II. In consideration of the concession by said Classis as herein expressed, the Synod of the Potomac agrees to furnish one thousand dollars annually to the Trustees of said College until at least *seventeen thousand dollars* of endowment, additional to that which the College now has, shall be raised by an Agent of the Trustees of said College, or otherwise; and that the said sum of *seventeen thousand dollars* be raised as speedily as possible.

III. With this addition to the endowment, that fund will still be far short of the needs of the College and its prospective work, and we recommend that the Trustees prosecute the work of endowment until the needs shall be fully met.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER,	} For the Synod.
E. R. ESCHBACH,	
J. E. ROLLER.	

J. L. MURPHY,	} For the Classis.
J. C. CLAPP,	
J. C. LEONARD,	
M. L. MCCORKLE,	
S. M. FINGER.	

The report was adopted by a unanimous vote.

The report of the committee on the Minutes of Classis was adopted as a whole.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac made the following report:

The committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac beg leave to report as follows:

1. Revs. A. H. Smith and J. C. Clapp, D. D., represented the Classis in the last annual meeting of Synod.
2. The Classis of North Carolina is asked to co-operate with Synod's Board of Education.
3. Classis is invited to place Catawba College under the care of the Synod of the Potomac.
4. Synod apportions to this Classis \$428 for Foreign Missions.
5. Hungarian Missions, \$44.
6. Beneficiary Education, \$300.
7. Theological Seminary, \$25.
8. Calvin College, \$25.
9. Contingent Fund of Synod, \$42.
10. Harbor Mission, \$18.
11. The attention of the Classes of the Synod is again directed to the observance of Children's Day.
12. The attention of the Classes is called to the importance of a still wider circulation and a more hearty and generous support of the several publications of the Church.
13. St. Paul and Bethany Orphan Homes are commended to the sympathy, prayers and generous support of the Classes.
14. Attention is called to the "Society for the Relief of Aged Ministers and their Widows."
15. Synod sends down an apportionment of six cents a member for Church Building.
16. The Synod of the Potomac will meet in Trinity Reformed church, Altoona, Pa., Tuesday evening, October 13th, 1896, at 7:30 o'clock.

J. D. ANDREW,
J. W. ROBINSON.

The report was taken up by items and disposed of as follows:

ITEM 1. Adopted. The Treasurer of Classis is directed to pay \$15 to Rev A. H. Smith and \$25 to Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp, their expenses to Synod.

ITEM 2. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy and elder J. W. Foil.

ITEM 3. For the action on this item see item 13 of the report on the Minutes of Classis.

ITEM 4. *Resolved*, That Classis pledges itself to do all possible for Foreign Missions.

ITEM 5. Not assumed.

ITEM 6. Referred to special committee created under item 2 of this report.

ITEM 7. Not assumed.

ITEM 8. Not assumed.

ITEM 9. Assumed.

ITEM 10. Not assumed.

ITEMS 11, 12, 13 and 14 were adopted.

ITEM 15. Referred to committee created under item 2.

ITEM 16. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

OVERTURES.

The committee on Overtures made the following report :

Your committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following items claiming the attention of Classis :

1. A communication from Bethany Orphan's Home asking the continued support of Classis in its work.
2. A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions asking Classis to take favorable action on the amount apportioned by Synod for the foreign work.
3. An overture from the officers of the Missionary Society of the Synod of the Potomac.
4. The attention of Classis is called to a plot of land, in which the Reformed church has an interest, in Guilford county.
5. An overture from the Joint Consistory of the Upper Davidson charge asking that the amount realized from the Huffman Stand property be paid over to the Treasurer of the said consistory.
6. Mt. Bethel congregation asks to be placed under the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy for the next classical year.
7. A claim, by Rev. A. R. Holshouser, against Mt. Bethel congregation.
8. An overture from the Joint Consistory of the Upper Davidson charge asking that Mr. W. H. Cansey be granted beneficiary aid.
9. An overture from the Mt. Pleasant congregation asking aid.
10. A communication calling attention to Whitsett as a favorable location to organize a Reformed church.
11. An overture for aid towards building a church at Whitsett.
12. Central Rowan charge asks aid to supplement the pastor's salary.
13. Mt. Bethel congregation requests a supplement to the pastor's salary.
14. Lower Davidson charge requests aid to supplement the pastor's salary.
15. Catawba charge asks Classis for aid to supplement the salary of the pastor.
16. Certain members of the Reformed church in Salisbury request Classis to organize a Reformed congregation in that town.

17. A communication from Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent of the Board of Home Missions, asking Classis to do all in its power to furnish money for the building of a church in Salisbury.

18. An overture from members of the Reformed church in Salisbury for \$500 towards building a Reformed church on the lot purchased by the Board of Home Missions.

19. A call to Rev. A. Shulenberger to become pastor of the West Rowan charge.

20. A copy of the *Corinthian*, published by Revs. J. L. Murphy and J. C. Leonard, has been placed in our hands.

21. A petition from the Joint Consistory and the pastor of the Concord charge asking Classis to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Rev. B. F. Davis and the said charge.

22. A petition signed by the elders and deacons of Trinity Reformed church of Concord, asking that Classis constitute that church a charge to be called the Concord charge.

23. A petition from the consistory of the New Gilead congregation of the Concord charge asking that its representative be permitted to represent the said consistory in the matter of a division of the Concord charge.

This report, not yet completed, was taken up item by item and disposed of as indicated in the following action :

ITEM 1. Adopted.

ITEM 2. The action of Classis is that under item 4 of the report on the Minutes of Synod.

ITEM 3. The delegates to be chosen to the Synod of the Potomac are the delegates to the Missionary Society.

ITEM 4. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Lutheran church which holds jointly with the Reformed church the Frieden Church property in Guilford county.

Resolved, That the members of this committee be constituted attorneys to act for the Classis of North Carolina with instructions to dispose of the interest of the Reformed church in the Frieden Church property to the best advantage.

The committee consists of Rev. J. D. Andrew, Mr. R. J. Mebane and Mr. Levi Shepherd.

ITEM 5. The request was granted.

ITEM 6. The request was granted.

ITEM 7. *Resolved*, That Classis declares the matter to be irrelevant.

Pending item 8, Classis adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by Rev. A. H. Smith.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 8.

Classis was called to order by the President. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Dr. P. M. Trexler. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted. Elders L. R. Whitener, C. C. Bost, J. L. Ingold, W. P. Bost and M. L. McCorkle were invited to seats as advisory members.

Consideration of the report on Overtures was resumed.

ITEM 8. Referred to the favorable consideration of the committee on beneficiary education.

ITEM 9. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. A. Shulenberger, Dr. J. C. Clapp and elder A. G. Bost.

ITEM 10. Rev. J. D. Andrew is directed to take charge of the interest at Whitsett and organize a congregation if he considers such a course advisable.

ITEM 11. Referred to the special committee created under item 9.

ITEM 12. Referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. C. Leonard, Dr. P. M. Trexler and elder L. Everhart.

ITEMS 13, 14 and 15 were severally referred to the committee created under item 12.

ITEM 16. The request is granted, and the following committee appointed to organize the congregation and take charge of the interest: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, A. Shulenberger, J. C. Leonard and Paul Barringer.

ITEM 17. Referred to the special committee created under item 9.

ITEM 18. Referred to same committee.

ITEM 19. The call is confirmed, and the following committee is appointed to install Rev. A. Shulenberger pastor of the West Rowan charge: Revs. Dr. P. M. Trexler, J. M. L. Lyerly and B. F. Davis.

Pending item 20, Classis took a recess until after the sermon by Rev. W. H. McNairy and the usual intermission, closing with the doxology and the benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Andrew. The roll was called and a quorum noted present. Rev. B. F. Davis appeared and took his seat. Elders Q. A. Wilfong and E. F. Ramsaur were invited to seats as advisory members.

Classis took up again the report on Overtures.

ITEM 20. *Resolved*, That the *Corinthian* is endorsed as the local organ of Classis, and that the pastors are directed to secure subscribers.

ITEM 21. The request is granted and the charge declared vacant.

ITEM 22. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. W. H. McNairy, H. A. M. Holshouser and elder J. R. Woods.

ITEM 23. Referred to the same committee.

The special committee created under item 12 of the report on Overtures made the following report:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina: Your committee to whom were referred items 12, 13, 14 and 15 of the report on Overtures beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend that aid on the salary of the pastors in the charges and missions named be granted as follows: Catawba charge, \$75; Lower Davidson charge, \$100; Central Rowan charge, \$25; Mt. Bethel mission, \$10.

2. We recommend that these charges and the mission be reminded that Classis expects of them that they become self-sustaining at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
P. M. TREXLER,
L. EVERHART.

The report was adopted.

The following amounts were referred to the committee on Finance for apportionment:

Stated Clerk's salary and expenses, \$28.98; Treasurer's salary and expenses for two years, \$26.00; expenses of the committee

appointed to confer with Synod's committee on Catawba College, \$2.95 ; Home Missions, \$340.00 ; Beneficiary Education, \$150.00 ; printing the minutes of Classis, \$40.00 ; Church Building, \$350.00.

The committee created under item 9 of the report on Overtures made the following report :

1. We recommend that Classis assume the amount, \$266.66, asked by the Mt. Pleasant church, to be paid in the future.

2. We recommend that Classis pledge \$500.00 towards the erection of a Reformed church in Salisbury to be paid in annual installments as follows : \$100 this year, \$200 next year and \$200 the following year.

3. We recommend that the request for \$100 towards buildings a church at Whitsett be granted, the amount to be paid at the convenience of Classis.

A. SHULENBERGER,

J. C. CLAPP,

A. G. BOST.

The report was adopted.

At this point the following resolutions were introduced, and were adopted by Classis :

Whereas, This Classis has adopted the report of the committees relative to placing Catawba College under the care of Potomac Synod, and,

Whereas, That report recognizes the fact that when seventeen thousand dollars, the amount named in the report, shall have been secured as an addition to the endowment now in hand, the income will still be far short of the needs of the institution and advises that more funds be secured as speedily as possible ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina invite the Synod of the Potomac to consider the feasibility of the Synod's pledging, to be raised outside of this Classis, another thousand dollars, making in all two thousand dollars per annum, upon the condition that this Classis or members thereof will add to the endowment now in hand the sum of seventeen thousand dollars.

Resolved, That if this suggestion be not favorably considered, any further pledges on the part of Synod with conditions upon the Classis looking to an increase of the endowment above the seventeen thousand dollars contemplated in the committee's report, will be carefully considered by Classis.

The following committee on Leave of Absence was appointed :
Revs. B. F. Davis, J. M. L. Lyerly and elder A. W. Moose.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Classis made his report, as follows :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina : I beg leave to make this my annual report of the financial condition of the said Classis, assembled at Conover, N. C., May 6th, 1896 :

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

	APPORTIONED.	PAID.
Guilford Charge, ...	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	20.00	20.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	24.00	24.00
Concord Charge,.....	20.00	20.00
Hickory Charge,.....	15.50	15.50
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	25.00	25.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	15.00	15.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	10.00	10.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	18.00	18.00
Newton Charge,.....	10.00	10.00
Catawba Charge,.....	10.00	10.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	2.50	2.50
Mt. Tabor Mission,.....	2.50	2.50
Mt. Pleasant Mission, ...	1.00	1.00
Thomasville Mission,.....	1.50	1.50
Balance in Treasury 1895,.....		2.57
Total, ...		\$ 202.57

BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

Stated Clerk's salary and expenses,.....	\$ 24.57	
Rev. Paul Barringer, expenses to Synod,	20.00	
Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, expenses to Synod,	20.00	
Rev. J. C. Leonard, expenses to Synod,	13.00	
Printing Minutes of Classis,.....	38.15	
Potomac Synod, contingent fund,.....	49.00	
General Synod, contingent fund,.....	37.00	
Total, ...	\$ 201.72	
Balance in the Treasury,.....		.85

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

	APPORTIONED.	PAID.
Guilford Charge, ...	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	15.00	15.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	18.00	18.00

Concord Charge,.....	15.00	3.00
Hickory Charge,.....	14.00	14.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	18.00	18.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	11.00	11.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	9.00	9.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	14.00	14.00
Newton Charge,.....	10.00	10.00
Catawba Charge,.....	10.00	4.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Mt. Tabor Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Thomasville Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Balance in Treasury 1895,.....		44.38
Total,.....		<u>\$ 186.38</u>

BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To Robert T. Cecil,.....	\$ 75.00
To Charles W. Warlick,.....	25.00
Total,.....	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Balance in the Treasury,.....	\$ 86.38

HOME MISSIONS.

	APPORTIONED.	PAID.
Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 24.00	\$ 24.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	16.00	16.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	18.00	18.00
Concord Charge,.....	16.00	29.31
Hickory Charge,.....	16.00	21.73
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	26.00	26.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	14.00	14.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	10.00	10.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	16.00	16.00
Newton Charge,.....	12.00	28.87
Catawba Charge,.....	12.00	12.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	2.00	2.00
Mt. Tabor Mission,.....	2.00	2.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Thomasville Mission,.....	3.00	3.00
Balance in Treasury 1895,.....		23.28
From Church Building Fund,.....		50.00
Total,.....		<u>\$ 297.14</u>

BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser,.....	\$ 100.00	
To Rev. W. H. McNairy,.....	50.00	
To Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly,.....	50.00	
To Rev. J. L. Murphy,.....	25.00	
To Rev. M. L. Hedrick,.....	25.00	
To James T. Reber, Treasurer,.....	13.31	
Total,.....	\$ 263.31	
Balance in the Treasury, ...		\$ 33.83

CHURCH BUILDING.

	APPORTIONED.	PAID.
Guilford Charge, ...	\$ 37.00	\$ 37.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	25.00	25.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	33.00	33.00
Concord Charge,.....	25.00	25.00
Hickory Charge,.....	25.00	25.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	40.00	40.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	22.00	22.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	16.00	16.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	25.00	25.00
Newton Charge,.....	20.00	20.00
Catawba Charge,.....	20.00	20.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	3.00	3.00
Mt. Tabor Mission,.....	3.00	3.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Thomasville Mission,.....	5.00	5.00
Total, ...		\$ 300.00

BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

Thomasville Church,.....	\$ 200.00
Conover Church,.....	50.00
Mission Fund,.....	50.00
Total, ...	\$ 300.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Balance in Treasury 1895,.....	\$ 49.28
Guilford Charge,.....	18.77
East Rowan Charge,.....	118.00
Concord Charge,.....	10.84

Hickory Charge,.....	35.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	34.50
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	2.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	47.62
Newton Charge,.....	39.60
Thomasville Mission,.....	4.46
Catawba Charge,.....	2.00

Total,.....	\$ 362.07
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BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer,.....	\$ 309.95
In the Treasury,.....	\$ 52.12

OTHER FUNDS.

Trinity Church, Concord, for St. Paul's Orphan Home, ...	\$ 4.56
Paid to B. Wolff, Treasurer,.....	\$ 4.56
Proceeds Sale of Huffman Stand Property, ...	\$ 19.00
Paid same to L. L. Conrad, Treasurer,...	\$ 19.00

THEOLOGICAL PROFESSORSHIP.

In Treasury 1895,.....	\$ 74.71
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BY AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To Catawba Charge,.....	\$ 14.00
To Newton Charge,.....	10.00
To Upper Davidson Charge,.....	16.00
To Central Rowan Charge,.....	5.00

Total, ...	\$ 45.00
Balance in the Treasury,.....	\$ 29.71

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. FORNEY, Treasurer.

The report was referred to the committee on Finance to audit.

The following resolution was adopted: *Resolved*, That the Classis expresses its hearty thanks to elder H. A. Forney for his efficient services as Treasurer of this body during the past twenty-five years, and regrets his decision in refusing to serve longer in that capacity.

The following resolution was sent up as an overture to General Synod:

Whereas, The distance to be travelled by the delegates of the Classis of North Carolina in order to attend the sessions of the General Synod in Dayton, Ohio, is so great as to involve considerable expense.

Resolved, That we respectfully overture the General Synod to bear half the travelling expenses of two delegates from the Classis to the said Synod.

The presence of Rev. John Smith of the Lutheran church was recognized.

Revs. Thomas Long, John Ingle, M. L. Hedrick and J. H. Shuford were excused for absence from this meeting of Classis.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the session closed with the doxology, and the benediction by Rev. J. C. Leonard.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 9.

The Classis was called to order at 9 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Wm. H. McNairy. The roll-call showed a quorum present. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted. Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., appeared and took his seat.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

The committee on Examination and Licensure made the following report :

Your committee on Examination and Licensure make the following report : Mr. Clarence Clapp appeared before your committee and was examined. The examination was satisfactory. We recommend his licensure.

J. L. MURPHY,
PAUL BARRINGER,
S. M. FINGER.

The report was adopted without a dissenting voice, and Mr. Clarence Clapp, having subscribed to the the constitutional formula, was licensed to preach the Gospel.

The special committee created under item 22 of the report on Overtures made the following report :

Your committee to whom were referred items 22 and 23 of the report on Overtures, after obtaining all the information they could, recommend the following action :

FINANCE.

The committee on Finance made the following report :

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with the same and find it correct, and we recommend its adoption.

JOEL CORRIHER,

D. M. CARPENTER.

Your committee further report the following apportionment of objects referred to us by Classis :

CONTINGENT FUND.

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 22.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	16.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	20.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	9.00
Hickory Charge,.....	15.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	23.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	12.00
Concord Charge,.....	18.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	18.00
Newton Charge,.....	10.00
Catawba Charge,.....	6.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	10.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	2.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	2.00
Total,.....	\$ 184.00

This fund is to be paid at the beginning of the Classical year.

CHURCH BUILDING.

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 45.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	25.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	40.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	16.00
Hickory Charge,.....	27.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	45.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	25.00
Concord Charge,.....	28.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	37.00
Newton Charge,.....	22.00
Catawba Charge,.....	16.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	17.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	3.00

Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	3.00
Total,.....	\$ 350.00

This fund is to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Classis in the month of June.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 20.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	12.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	15.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	8.00
Hickory Charge,.....	15.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	17.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	10.00
Concord Charge,.....	13.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	16.00
Newton Charge,.....	8.00
Catawba Charge,.....	6.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	8.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	1.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	1.00
Total,.....	\$ 151.00

This fund is to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Classis in the month of September.

HOME MISSIONS.

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 45.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	26.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	32.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	16.00
Hickory Charge,.....	29.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	40.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	25.00
Concord Charge,.....	30.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	37.00
Newton Charge,.....	18.00
Catawba Charge,.....	15.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	20.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	3.00

Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	3.00
Total,.....	\$ 340.00

This fund is to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Classis in the month of December.

Offerings for Foreign Missions may be made any time during the year. The Classis designated the month of March as suitable.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. FORNEY,
D. M. CARPENTER,
JOEL CORRIHER.

The report was adopted.

The special committee created under item 2 of the report on the Minutes of Synod made the following report :

Your committee to whom were referred items 2, 6 and 15 of the report on the Minutes of Synod beg leave to present the following for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That we request the Synod of the Potomac to permit a continuance of the policy pursued by the Classis of North Carolina for several years in the matter of Beneficiary Education in conducting the same through our own Classical Board of Education.

2. *Resolved*, That we ask permission for our Treasurer to send receipts to the treasurer of Synod for the funds of Home Missions, Church Building and Beneficiary Education, and that the Classis receive credit for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER,
J. L. MURPHY.
J. W. FOIL.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution was introduced, and the plan set forth therein was adopted by Classis for maintaining and conducting the work of Beneficiary Education :

Whereas, The Classis of North Carolina is fully conscious of the great blessings coming to the church through the channel of Beneficiary Education, many indigent but worthy young men being by this means helped to secure an education for the Gospel ministry, and,

Whereas, It is best both for the Classis and the beneficiary students under the care of the Classis that there be a fixed plan

of granting aid and directing the studies of the students, therefore,

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina adopts the following plan of maintaining and conducting the work of Beneficiary Education :

I. A Board of Education consisting of three ministers and two elders shall be appointed annually.

II. To the Board of Education shall be intrusted the entire management of the matter of Beneficiary Education, subject to the approval of Classis, the said Board being required to submit to each annual meeting of Classis a full report of its proceedings.

III. Classis shall at each annual session apportion to the several charges an amount for Beneficiary Education, said fund to be at the disposal of the Board of Education.

IV. Before any young man can avail himself of the benefits of this fund he shall show a certificate that he has reached the Sophomore year in college (except in special cases to be decided by the Board,) and shall give satisfactory evidence of a good moral character and worthy motives for entering the Gospel ministry.

V. The applicant shall in every case be required to sign the following *bona fide* bond in the presence of two witnesses, not members of the Board : " I do solemnly promise to apply myself diligently to the prosecution of my studies ; to use the money granted by the Board of Education only in defraying the natural and legitimate expenses of a student ; to refund to the Classis of North Carolina without interest, so soon after entering the ministry as my pecuniary condition will permit, all funds advanced by the Board of Education ; and to refund at once all amounts advanced, in case I desist from my intention of becoming a minister of the Reformed Church."

The following constitute the Board of Education : Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly and elders S. M. Finger and S. T. Wilfong.

All motions referred to the former " committee on Beneficiary Education " are committed to the Board of Education.

FINANCE.

The committee on Finance made the following report :

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with the same and find it correct, and we recommend its adoption.

JOEL CORRIHER,

D. M. CARPENTER.

Your committee further report the following apportionment of objects referred to us by Classis :

CONTINGENT FUND.

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 22.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	16.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	20.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	9.00
Hickory Charge,.....	15.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	23.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	12.00
Concord Charge,.....	18.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	18.00
Newton Charge,.....	10.00
Catawba Charge,.....	6.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	10.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	2.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	2.00
Total,.....	\$ 184.00

This fund is to be paid at the beginning of the Classical year.

CHURCH BUILDING.

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 45.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	25.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	40.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	16.00
Hickory Charge,.....	27.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	45.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	25.00
Concord Charge,.....	28.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	37.00
Newton Charge,.....	22.00
Catawba Charge,.....	16.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	17.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	3.00

Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	3.00
Total,.....	\$ 350.00

This fund is to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Classis in the month of June.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 20.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	12.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	15.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	8.00
Hickory Charge,.....	15.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	17.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	10.00
Concord Charge,.....	13.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	16.00
Newton Charge,.....	8.00
Catawba Charge,.....	6.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	8.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	1.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	1.00
Total,.....	\$ 151.00

This fund is to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Classis in the month of September.

HOME MISSIONS.

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 45.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	26.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	32.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	16.00
Hickory Charge,.....	29.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	40.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	25.00
Concord Charge,.....	30.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	37.00
Newton Charge,.....	18.00
Catawba Charge,.....	15.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	20.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	3.00

Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	3.00
Total,.....	\$ 340.00

This fund is to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Classis in the month of December.

Offerings for Foreign Missions may be made any time during the year. The Classis designated the month of March as suitable.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. FORNEY,
D. M. CARPENTER,
JOEL CORRIHER.

The report was adopted.

The special committee created under item 2 of the report on the Minutes of Synod made the following report :

Your committee to whom were referred items 2, 6 and 15 of the report on the Minutes of Synod beg leave to present the following for adoption :

1. *Resolved*, That we request the Synod of the Potomac to permit a continuance of the policy pursued by the Classis of North Carolina for several years in the matter of Beneficiary Education in conducting the same through our own Classical Board of Education.

2. *Resolved*, That we ask permission for our Treasurer to send receipts to the treasurer of Synod for the funds of Home Missions, Church Building and Beneficiary Education, and that the Classis receive credit for the same.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER,
J. L. MURPHY.
J. W. FOIL.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution was introduced, and the plan set forth therein was adopted by Classis for maintaining and conducting the work of Beneficiary Education :

Whereas, The Classis of North Carolina is fully conscious of the great blessings coming to the church through the channel of Beneficiary Education, many indigent but worthy young men being by this means helped to secure an education for the Gospel ministry, and,

Whereas, It is best both for the Classis and the beneficiary students under the care of the Classis that there be a fixed plan

of granting aid and directing the studies of the students, therefore,

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina adopts the following plan of maintaining and conducting the work of Beneficiary Education :

I. A Board of Education consisting of three ministers and two elders shall be appointed annually.

II. To the Board of Education shall be intrusted the entire management of the matter of Beneficiary Education, subject to the approval of Classis, the said Board being required to submit to each annual meeting of Classis a full report of its proceedings.

III. Classis shall at each annual session apportion to the several charges an amount for Beneficiary Education, said fund to be at the disposal of the Board of Education.

IV. Before any young man can avail himself of the benefits of this fund he shall show a certificate that he has reached the Sophomore year in college (except in special cases to be decided by the Board,) and shall give satisfactory evidence of a good moral character and worthy motives for entering the Gospel ministry.

V. The applicant shall in every case be required to sign the following *bona fide* bond in the presence of two witnesses, not members of the Board: "I do solemnly promise to apply myself diligently to the prosecution of my studies; to use the money granted by the Board of Education only in defraying the natural and legitimate expenses of a student; to refund to the Classis of North Carolina without interest, so soon after entering the ministry as my pecuniary condition will permit, all funds advanced by the Board of Education; and to refund at once all amounts advanced, in case I desist from my intention of becoming a minister of the Reformed Church."

The following constitute the Board of Education: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly and elders S. M. Finger and S. T. Wilfong.

All motions referred to the former "committee on Beneficiary Education" are committed to the Board of Education.

The special committee on Leave of Absence made the following report :

Your committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that the following persons appeared before the same and were excused : Elders A. W. Moose, J. W. Fouts and Frank Edwards.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

B. F. DAVIS.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of Classis are hereby extended to Trinity Reformed congregation and the good friends who have so generously and kindly entertained Classis, and to the Southern and Chester and Lenoir Railroads for reduced rates.

Resolved, That this resolution be read from the pulpit tomorrow.

Classis now took up the matter of deciding upon the time and place of the next annual meeting. Mt. Hope Church of the Guilford charge, Danville, N. C., was selected as the place, and Wednesday, May 5th, 1897, as the time.

All business of the Classis having now been disposed of, the minutes of the day's session were read and adopted. The roll was called, and all members not previously excused answered to their names. The order of closing services reported by the committee on religious Services was observed, and the President declared the Classis adjourned.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk,

of the Classis of North Carolina.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

We herewith append an abstract of the proceedings of the special meetings of the Classis of North Carolina held during the Classical year ending May 5th, 1896. Three special meetings were officially called by the President of Classis.

FIRST SPECIAL MEETING.

A call was issued August 22nd, 1895, for a special meeting of

the Classis at St. Matthew's church of the Lincoln charge on Saturday, September 7th, 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M., to take action regarding the disposition of the Reformed Church property in the town of Lincolnton. Classis took action as follows:

Resolved, That Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., as soon as may be convenient, reorganize the Lincolnton congregation, and have trustees appointed to take charge of the property belonging to the Reformed Church in the town of Lincolnton.

Resolved, That in the meantime M. L. McCorkle, P. D. Hinson and H. E. Ramsaur be appointed trustees to take charge of the said property.

Resolved, That the said trustees have power to quit claim and receive quit claim from the cotenants in common of sites for churches to be built on the said lot by either or both.

SECOND SPECIAL MEETING.

The President of Classis issued a call November 19th, 1895, for a special meeting in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., December 9th, 1895, at 1 o'clock P. M., to attend to the following items of business:

1. To consider an overture from the Synod of the Potomac to the Classis of North Carolina in regard to placing Catawba College under the care of Synod.

2. If it shall be found the will of Classis to do so, to appoint a committee to confer with a committee appointed by Synod for this purpose.

3. To consider a plan to give pastoral oversight to the Reformed church in Thomasville.

ITEMS 1 and 2 were disposed of in the following resolutions:

Whereas, This Classis learns with a great deal of pleasure of the overture of the Synod of the Potomac, desiring to form a closer relation with this Classis in regard to Catawba College, therefore,

Resolved, That we appoint a committee of five to confer with Synod's committee.

Resolved, That this committee shall confer with Synod's committee to formulate some plan and agree on some terms by which

the College may be placed in a closer relation to the Synod, satisfactory to both parties.

Resolved, That this committee report to the next annual meeting of Classis.

The committee called for in the foregoing resolutions consists of the following: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. C. Leonard, and elders M. L. McCorkle and S. M. Finger.

ITEM 3 of the call was disposed of as follows:

Whereas, The Classis learns with pleasure and gratification of the general progress that is being made by our congregations in Davidson county, and,

Whereas, We have been asked to provide some means by which these congregations (especially Thomasville mission) can have closer pastoral oversight, therefore

Resolved, That we recommend to the different congregations in Davidson county to consider the advisability of placing Thomasville, Emanuel and Calvary together and constituting a new charge to be known as the Thomasville charge.

Resolved, That we recommend to Lower Davidson charge and Mt. Tabor mission to consider the advisability of making Mt. Tabor a part of the Lower Davidson charge.

Resolved, That we promise to supplement the salary of the pastor of the Lower Davidson charge.

THIRD SPECIAL MEETING.

The President issued a call January 15th, 1896, for a special meeting of the Classis in Heidelberg Reformed Church, Thomasville, N. C., February 3rd, 1896. at 1 o'clock P. M., to take action on the following items:

1. To form a new charge of Emanuel, Calvary and Heidelberg congregations in Davidson county.
2. To incorporate Mt. Tabor congregation with the Lower Davidson charge.

The items were disposed of in the following resolutions:

Whereas, The classis of North Carolina has learned that its recommendations to the churches in Davidson county relative to

the formation of a new charge have been endorsed by the parties concerned, therefore

Resolved, That Emanuel and Calvary churches be and hereby are detached from the respective charges to which they belong.

Resolved, That a new charge be and hereby is organized consisting of Heidelberg, Emanuel and Calvary churches.

Resolved, That the name of the charge thus formed shall be the Thomasville charge.

Resolved, That the Thomasville charge be empowered to secure a pastor to begin work April 1st, next.

Resolved, That Mt. Tabor church be and hereby is incorporated with the Lower Davidson charge from and after the 5th day of May next.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk,
of the Classis of North Carolina.

MINISTERS.

CHARGES.

P. O. ADDRESS.

MINISTERS.										CHARGES.										Contributions.		M't's. of Synod.		P. O. ADDRESS.											
No. of Congregations.		Members.		Members Unconfirmed.		Bap- tisms.		Confirmed.		By Certificate or Renewal of Profession.		Communed.		Dismissed.		Excommunicated. Erasure of Names.		Sunday-Schools.		Sunday-School Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.		Congregational Purposes.		English.		German.							
Thomas Long,.....																														Salem,..... N. C.					
Jesse W. Cecil,.....																														Thomasville,..... N. C.					
John Ingle,.....																														Green Park,..... N. C.					
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.,		4		312		182		10		9		9		273		1		3		4		235		1		122.00		665.00		33					
P. M. Trexler, D. D.,																														Newton,..... N. C.					
Michael L. Hedrick,																														China Grove,..... N. C.					
John A. Foil, Ph. D.,																														Silver Hill,..... N. C.					
Paul Barringer,.....		2		309		234		28		12		2		269		12		2		2		277				440.00		643.55		10					
Joseph L. Murphy,...		3		223		117		17		8		4		209		1		5		3		200				105.88		2223.53		18					
Jacob C. Leonard,...		4		418		123		18		3		5		7		303		1		2		4		250		1		134.84		525.00		22			
J. M. Luther Lyerly,		4		186		206		21		12		4		161				5		4		341				48.00		456.00		16					
Andrew H. Smith,...		1		153		79		9		2		1		94		2		4		2		1		88		1		138.00		1220.00		10			
James D. Andrew,...		4		477		153		19		8		19		2		408		1		7		4		3		149		145.00		424.00		31			
Julius H. Shuford,...																																Middlebrook,..... Va.			
H. A. M. Holshouser,		4		142		67		10		10		6		110		5		8		2		116				40.00		497.00		16					
Wm. H. McNairy,...		5		302		130		13		9		45		6		183		6		1		3		332		2		45.40		234.00		26			
B. Frank Davis,.....		2		275		135		9		10		12		167		6		5		2		150		1		99.00		486.00		13					
A. Shulenberger,...		2		210		92		10		3		20		1		206		5		10		6		160		1		76.00		570.00		10			
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†Assumed pastorate May 1st, 1896.		41		3252		1625		168		24		154		55		2550.40		2		35		48		36		2748		8		1450 84		9174 08		220	

† Assumed pastorate May 1st, 1896.

CLASSES.

CLASSES.	Classes.		Number of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Members.	Unconfirmed Members.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.	
	Infants.	Adults.					Confirmed.	Confirmed.														
									Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.												
Zion's.....	13	33	4642	2592	277	46	255	134	3779	33	109	118	46	367	4749	5	\$3527 00	\$15896 00				
Maryland.....	39	62	8975	4578	517	42	401	256	7183	205	103	196	57	958	7357	9	\$9228 00	\$45335 00				
Mercersburg.....	17	26	3107	1799	147	97	199	143	2848	71	179	74	26	408	2720	6	\$3398 81	\$16775 83				
Virginia.....	18	32	2390	1173	105	30	117	24	1957	20	17	56	27	306	1864	3	\$2150 00	\$12338 00				
North Carolina.....	17	40	3140	1857	126	54	265	85	2575	30	38	39	33	250	2448	6	\$1130 00	\$6309 00				
Gettysburg.....	17	29	5536	3722	311	23	253	94	4849	67	20	153	28	367	4139	10	\$5790 00	\$18979 00				
Carlisle.....	11	21	2315	1079	92	32	137	51	2045	62	13	53	20	282	1989	6	\$2279 00	\$9560 00				
Junata.....	20	49	5570	3240	277	72	297	161	4815	118	90	112	5	525	4111	9	\$4501 00	\$25965 00				
Portland-Oregon.....	10	13	532	486	74		26	13	288	3	3	5	10		408		\$221 00	\$2727 00				
Syn. of Potomac (Total)	9162	305	36507	20526	1926	396	1959	961	30339	609	572	806	290	3463	29785	54	\$32224 81	\$153884 83				
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Synod of Ohio.....	6126	228	21682	6232	726	627	1416	905	17717	357	4	868	382	202	2923	21302	30	\$20830 00	\$113443 00			
Synod of Pittsburg.....	571	136	16276	9793	832	134	725	508	13727	358	1	164	297	121	1226	10556	12	\$16744 00	\$73498 00			
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Ger. Synod of the East.	556	56	14393	10102	2295	33	782	792	11411	95	573	485	55	1084	10892	14	\$8271 00	\$82628 00				
Central Synod.....	482	114	19771	11722	1244	58	805	769	14592	246	8	489	488	105	1579	14096	33	\$17005 00	\$99912 00			
Synod of the Interior...	550	68	2965	1261	153	90	221	194	2320	95	122	49	62	634	3614	6	\$3597 25	\$21911 60				
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Sixty-seventh Annual Session,

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DANVILLE, N. C.,

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OFFICERS OF THE CLASSIS:

PRESIDENT: Rev. J. L. Murphy, Hickory, North Carolina.

STATED CLERK: Rev. J. C. Leonard, Lexington, North Carolina.

TREASURER: Col. H. A. Forney, Newton, North Carolina.

The Classis of North Carolina.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1897.

The Classis of North Carolina of the Reformed Church in the United States met in sixty-seventh annual session in Mt. Hope Reformed Church of the Guilford Charge, Danville, N. C., Wednesday, May 5th, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M. By appointment of the retiring President, Rev. A. H. Smith, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. L. Murphy from St. John XVII: 21: "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

After the sermon the Stated Clerk, in the absence of the President, called the Classis to order and nominated Rev. J. L. Murphy as President *pro tem.*, who took the chair and constituted Classis regularly with Scripture reading, singing and prayer.

The roll of ministers and elders was called, and the following members answered to their names:

MINISTERS: John Ingle, J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy and Clarence Clapp.

ELDERS: H. D. Warlick (*secundus*), Lincoln Charge; W. S. Wagoner, East Rowan; L. R. Whitener (*secundus*), Hickory; J. M. Nifong, Upper Davidson; Wm. Albright, Guilford; G. F. Hedrick (*secundus*), Lower Davidson; W. C. Rose, West Rowan; T. W. S. Grimes, Thomasville.

A quorum being present, Classis proceeded to the election of a President for the ensuing year. Rev. J. L. Murphy, pastor of the Hickory Charge, was chosen. Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

A recess of one hour was now taken, the session closing with the doxology, and the benediction by Rev. A. H. Smith.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order by the President at the stated time, and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. Shulenberg. The roll was called and a quorum found present.

The following ministers and elders appeared and took their seats:

MINISTERS: J. M. L. Lyerly, A. H. Smith, J. D. Andrew, A. Shulenberger, W. H. Stubblebine.

ELDERS: C. C. Bost (*primarius*), Hickory Charge; J. A. Yost, Central Rowan; M. J. Rowe, Newton; N. I. Rowe, Catawba; A. G. Bost, Concord; J. C. Hileman, New Gilead.

The following elders were admitted to seats as advisory members: L. W. Clapp, Daniel Albright, Levi Barnhardt, J. W. Shaw, J. R. Woods, W. A. Welker, Alexander Peeler and W. H. C. Shaw.

Rev. N. Z. Snyder of Tohickon Classis, Eastern Synod, was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The following committee on reporting for the press was appointed: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. D. Andrew, J. M. L. Lyerly and W. H. Stubblebine.

The bar of the house was defined to be the first three seats in front and those to the left of the pulpit.

Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser was elected Corresponding Secretary.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

1. RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Revs. J. D. Andrew, W. H. McNairy and elder Wm. Albright.

2. MINUTES OF CLASSIS: Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and elder W. S. Wagoner.

3. MINUTES OF POTOMAC SYNOD: Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, John Ingle and elder H. D. Warlick.

4. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, Clarence Clapp and elder C. C. Bost.

5. OVERTURES: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, A. Shulenberger and elder J. M. Nifong.

6. EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., W. H. Stubblebine and elder G. F. Hedrick.

7. NOMINATIONS: Revs. Clarence Clapp, J. M. L. Lyerly and elder W. C. Rose.

8. FINANCE: Rev. Paul Barringer, and elders J. M. Nifong and C. C. Bost.

9. RELIGION AND STATISTICS: Revs. A. H. Smith, H. A. M. Holshouser and elder T. W. S. Grimes.

The following resolutions on Sunday Schools and Sunday School Work were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Classis of North Carolina hereby appoint a committee on Sunday Schools and Sunday School work consisting of Revs. J. D. Andrew, A. H. Smith and H. A. M. Holshouser.

RESOLVED, That this committee be instructed to take charge of the Sunday School statistical blanks furnished by the General Synod, and to make the reports called for by direction of the Sunday School Board and ordered by the General Synod.

RESOLVED, That this committee inquire into the feasibility of holding one or more Sunday School Conventions within the bounds of Classis during the year.

Classis now proceeded to the hearing the parochial reports. These reports when read were referred to the committee on Religion and Statistics.

The following resolutions on printing and keeping the records and minutes of Classis were adopted:

RESOLVED, That the Stated Clerk be directed to have the minutes of the regular session of Classis and all special meetings published in full as soon as possible after each annual meeting.

RESOLVED, That the copy of the minutes so published shall be official, and shall be sent up to the Synod of the Potomac with the seal of Classis attached, as the report of the proceedings of the Classis of North Carolina.

RESOLVED, That the Stated Clerk be instructed to discontinue transcribing the minutes as heretofore, and to keep in the archives of Classis at least three copies of the published minutes.

MINUTES OF CLASSIS.

The committee on the Minutes of Classis made the following report:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA: The Committee on the Minutes of Classis beg leave to submit the following items:

1. Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., at his own request was granted an extension of time in which to organize a congregation in Lincolnton.

2. Messrs. M. L. McCorkle, H. E. Ramsaur and P. D. Hinson were continued by Classis as agents and trustees in charge of the Reformed

Church property in Lincolnton until the congregation shall have been reorganized.

3. Rev. J. D. Andrew and Messrs. R. J. Mebane and Levi Shepherd were appointed as attorneys with power to dispose of the interest of the Reformed Church in the union Frieden Church property in Guilford county.

4. Rev. J. D. Andrew was instructed to organize a congregation at Whitsett if advisable.

5. Revs. J. M. L. Lysterly, A. Shulenberg, J. C. Leonard and Paul Barringer were instructed to organize a congregation in Salisbury.

6. Revs. Dr. P. M. Trexler, J. M. L. Lysterly and B. F. Davis were appointed to install Rev. A. Shulenberg pastor of the West Rowan charge.

7. The pastors of the Classis were directed to secure subscriptions to the *Corinthian*, the local organ of Classis.

8. Aid was granted on the salary of pastors as follows: Catawba charge, \$75; Lower Davidson charge, \$100; Central Rowan charge, \$25; Mt. Bethel Mission, \$10.

9. Revs. Dr. J. C. Clapp, J. C. Leonard, J. W. Cecil and A. H. Smith were directed to ordain Licentiate Clarence Clapp and install him pastor of the Thomasville charge.

10. Revs. J. L. Murphy, Dr. J. C. Clapp, J. M. L. Lysterly and elders S. M. Finger and S. T. Wilfong were constituted the Board of Education.

11. Revs. J. C. Leonard, Clarence Clapp and B. F. Davis were appointed to install Rev. W. H. Stubblebine pastor of Faith Mission in Salisbury.

12. Revs. J. L. Murphy, B. F. Davis and A. Shulenberg were appointed to install Rev. Paul Barringer pastor of New Gilead charge.

13. Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, J. M. L. Lysterly and Paul Barringer were appointed to install Rev. B. F. Davis pastor of Trinity church in Concord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,

W. S. WAGONER.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. The following report was received and adopted:

In my judgment the time has not yet come to organize a congregation in Lincolnton.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP.

2. The committee did not report to Classis, and was continued with the same instructions and powers given last year.

3. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA: Pursuant to the direction in the action of your body at the last annual meeting constituting us a Committee to dispose of our interest in a certain tract of land lying near Frieden's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Guilford County, North Carolina, we the undersigned beg leave to report as follows :

We visited the trustee of Frieden's Church and found deeds for two small tracts of land numbering about fourteen or sixteen acres. But the trustee had no power to act for the Synod. We have petitioned the North Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church to appoint a committee to co-operate with us in the matter of disposing of or dividing these lands. We have had no official communication from Synod on the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW, Chairman.

The committee was continued with the powers and instructions given last year.

4. The following report was received and adopted :

Having been appointed by the North Carolina Classis to organize a congregation at Whitsett we proceeded on the second day of May to organize a congregation consisting of eight members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,

5. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee to organize a congregation in Salisbury beg leave to report that on the evening of the fourth Lord's day in June this congregation was organized by the election, ordination and installation of M. D. Lefler as Elder and H. Corriher as Deacon. Nine persons entered into the organization, and their names were properly registered as such.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

A. SHULENBERGER,

J. C. LEONARD.

6. Reported attended to.

7. Referred to the following special committee : Revs. J. D. Andrew, Clarence Clapp and elder M. J. Rowe.

8. The money was paid as directed.

9. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee beg leave to report that the duty was attended to in last May, when Licentiate Clarence Clapp was ordained and installed pastor of the Thomasville Charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP,

J. C. LEONARD.

10. The following report was received and adopted :

The Board of Education beg leave to report that Messrs. C. W. Warlick, W. H. Causey and S. W. Beck, students in Catawba College, have been received under the care of the Board and granted aid to the extent of \$50 each.

J. L. MURPHY, Chairman.

11. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee beg leave to report that Rev. W. H. Stubblebine was duly installed pastor of Faith Mission in Salisbury the first Sunday in March.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD, Chairman.

12. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to install Rev. Paul Barringer, pastor of New Gilead Charge beg leave to report that he was duly installed pastor of the Charge on the third Lord's Day in March 1897, by Revs. B. F. Davis and A. Shulenberger, members of the committee.

J. L. MURPHY, Chairman.

13. The following report was received and adopted :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA: Your committee appointed to install Rev. B. F. Davis pastor of the Concord Charge beg leave to report that they attended to their duty on Sunday, March 14th, 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. STUBBLEBINE,

PAUL BARRINGER

The report was adopted as a whole.

The time for opening and closing the sessions of Classis was fixed as follows: Open in the morning at 9 o'clock; sermon at 11 o'clock each day followed by a recess of one hour; close at 4 o'clock.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the day's session closed with the doxology, and the benediction by the President.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 6.

Classis was called to order at the regular morning hour. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Clarence Clapp. The roll call showed a quorum present. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

Revs. Dr. J. C. Clapp and Paul Barringer appeared and took their seats.

Those pastors who had not yet read their parochial reports were permitted to do so at this point. These reports were re-

ferred to the Committee on Religion and Statistics.

Rev. H. M. Brown of the Lutheran Church was invited to a seat as a visiting brother.

The following resolutions on Catawba College were adopted :

WHEREAS, The Synod of the Potomac and the Classis of North Carolina have taken action transferring Catawba College to the care of the former body, and

WHEREAS, This movement portends a brighter day for this promising institution of the Reformed Church in the South, therefore,

RESOLVED, That the Classis of North Carolina hails with delight the dawn of a brighter day for Catawba College, believing that the object of many anxious desires and prayers is about to be attained.

RESOLVED, That we call upon all our people to renew their devotion and fidelity to Catawba College, and that their attention be called to this institution as the proper place to educate their sons and daughters.

RESOLVED, That as pastors and elders we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to inform our people concerning the interests of the institution and to create a deeper sentiment for a proper patronage of the College.

RESOLVED, That we heartily endorse the forward movement to secure a semi-centennial endowment fund of \$100,000 by the approaching jubilee year 1901, under the following plan : \$10,000 to be raised by the Alumni Association of the College ; \$13,000 by the Classis of North Carolina ; \$17,000 by the Synod of the Potomac ; \$60,000 by the Classis of North Carolina, the Synod of the Potomac, the Reformed Church in general and interested friends outside.

RESOLVED, That the several charges in the Classis be requested to open their doors to the Field Secretary of the College, and the pastors and consistories to co-operate with him in a united effort to increase the amount of endowment already raised within the bounds of Classis to at least \$13,000.

RESOLVED, That the attention of the pastors be called to the need of presenting from all their pulpits the interests of christian education, and particularly the interests of christian education as connected with Catawba College.

RESOLVED, That each pastor be requested to present the claims of Catawba College to each congregation in his charge in June and December every year.

The trustees of Catawba College made the following report :

NEWTON, N. C., May 5th 1897.

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA: We beg leave to make the following condensed report of the action of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College during the last collegiate year.

The Board of Trustees met in regular annual session in said college, on Tuesday, May 19th, 1896, it being commencement week of said College.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer and twelve other members of the Board were present and transacted the business pertaining to the interest of the College.

The President of the College, Dr. J. C. Clapp, made an elaborate, interesting and inspiring report in regard to the progress, needs and general working condition of the institution, and expressed a pleasing desire that the plan to place Catawba College under the care of the Potomac Synod may be successful. "Thus the beginning of the end of the long struggle for permanent endowment seems to loom up at no very great distance," which has been done and the Field Secretary elected to raise the endowment.

The Trustees also took favorable action in regard to placing Catawba College under the care of the Potomac Synod. The Treasurer, Dr. J. A. Foil, made report as to the financial condition of said College, the amount received during the year, \$2,125.40 and the same paid out, except \$7.95, balance in treasury.

The College owes for teaching \$700.00 and has in good accounts and interest due on Alumni and General Funds, about \$1,100.00, which will relieve the debt, if collected.

The committee to raise funds to repair and paint the rooms, and so on, in the College have collected and expended thereon \$127.94.

The Treasurer reports that he has received from the Potomac Synod, \$381.81, donated to said college.

The degree of A. B. and B. S. was conferred on the following persons: William Banks Dove, A. B., Henry Eusebius Sechler, A. B., and Miss Miriam H. Foil, B. S., who compose the graduating class of 1896. At a meeting of the Trustees, held on the 8th day of December, 1896, Prof. Charles H. Mebane tendered his resignation as Professor of Greek and History in said College, which was formally accepted by the Trustees, and there being a number of applications for the professorship they were referred to a committee. The committee after due consideration reported favorably the name of Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., of China Grove, N. C., who was unanimously elected to fill the chair of Greek and History, subject to ratification by the Board of Trustees at next regular meeting, who has accepted the same. At the same meeting the Rev. J. C. Leonard was elected as Field Secretary, to raise the endowment contemplated by the Potomac Synod, for Catawba College, who has accepted the same, and entered upon the work.

The time of the following Trustees expires in 1897: D. M. Carpenter, Rev. J. C. Leonard, J. W. Robinson, W. H. Williams, Reuben Setzer and Rev.

J. D. Andrew. Also the place of Maj. S. M. Finger, deceased, whose time expires in 1898. Respectfully submitted,

H. A. FORNEY, Secretary.

M. L. MCCORKLE, President.

The report was adopted.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

The committee on the minutes of the Synod of the Potomac made the following report :

Your committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac beg leave to present the following report :

1. Revs. J. C. Leonard and J. L. Murphy and elder S. M. Finger represented the Classis in the last annual meeting of Synod.

2. Classis urged to co-operate in raising \$100,000 to be known as the Michael Schlatter Memorial Fund.

3. Program suggested for the sesqui-centennial celebration and Classis and congregations urged to join heartily in its observance.

4. Churches and Sunday Schools requested to use the lesson helps and papers prepared and published by and for the church.

5. Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Asylums commended to the sympathy, prayers and generous support of our charges.

6. Congregations urged to increase their contributions to these institutions.

7. Special attention is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

8. Attention is called to the Daniel Stein Memorial Home and congregations urged to lift collections for the same.

9. Synod apportions the following sums to this Classis :

a. Home Missions, \$500.

b. Foreign Missions, \$400.

c. Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$60.

d. Beneficiary Education, \$300.

e. Calvin College, \$25.

f. Catawba College, \$98.

g. Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod, \$42.

h. Contingent Fund of General Synod, \$25.

10. Synod approves the plan of placing Catawba College under the care of that body.

11. Synod nominates the following as members of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College: Rev. J. C. Leonard, Col. W. H. Williams, Mr. D. M. Carpenter, Rev. J. D. Andrew, Gen. J. E. Roller and Rev. C. Clever, D. D.

12. Potomac Synod meets in the First Reformed Church of Hagerstown, Md., October 12th, 1897, at 7:30 o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. STUBBLEBINE,

JOHN INGLE,

H. D. WARLICK.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows :

1. Adopted.
2. Adopted.
3. Adopted and the program recommended to congregations as follows :

I. Address of welcome.

II. History of the Reformed Church and its extension in America.

III. Life and labors of Michael Schlatter.

IV. Characteristics of the Germans and their relation to the Reformed Church in the United States.

V. Local History.

VI. Pastoral reminiscences.

VII. The present condition and future prospects of the Reformed Church in this country.

VIII. The imperative need of a large available Church Building Fund, with which to aid in securing proper locations in our large and growing cities.

The last subject should be followed by a challenge for Church Building Funds, or generous contributions for the object.

4. Adopted.

5. Adopted.

6. Adopted.

7. Adopted.

8. Adopted.

9. a. RESOLVED, That the attention of Synod be called to its action of last year on page 15, item 4, in regard to Home Missions as relating to this Classis.

b. RESOLVED, That Classis pledges itself to do all possible for Foreign Missions.

c. RESOLVED, That we request the Synod to excuse us from assuming the amount.

d. RESOLVED, That the attention of Synod be called to its action of last year on page 15, item 4, in regard to Beneficiary Education as relating to this Classis.

e. RESOLVED, That we ask to be excused from assuming the apportionment for Calvin College.

f. Adopted and assumed.

g. Adopted and assumed.

h. Adopted and assumed.

10. Adopted.

11. Adopted.

12. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, The Classis of North Carolina has grown to be a considerable body and the business of Classis multiplied greatly, and

WHEREAS, The time occupied by the meeting of Classis is greatly needed for the transaction of business, therefore

RESOLVED, That we depart from the time-honored custom of this Classis by dispensing with the sermon at 11 o'clock each day.

RESOLVED, That this order go into effect after this year's session.

Classis took a recess until after the sermon by Rev. John Ingle and the usual noon intermission, closing with the doxology, and the benediction by the President.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order at the stated time. Devotional services were conducted by the President. The roll was called and a quorum found present.

NOMINATIONS.

The committee on nominations made the following report :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA: The Committee on Nominations beg leave to make the following report :

1. For Treasurer of Classis: Col. H. A. Forney.

2. Delegates to Potomac Synod: *Primarii*: Ministers—J. C. Clapp, D. D., and J. M. L. Lyerly; Elders—M. J. Rowe and J. C. Hileman.

Secundi: Ministers—H. A. M. Holshouser and B. F. Davis; Elders—A. G. Bost and T. W. S. Grimes.

3. Trustee of Catawba College to fill the place of S. M. Finger, deceased: J. F. Smyre.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE CLAPP,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
W. C. ROSE,

The report was adopted.

It was ordered by Classis that hereafter the Treasurer be paid a salary of \$10 per year and expenses.

The committee created under item 7 of the report on the Minutes of Classis made the following report:

Your committee appointed to report concerning the matter of the advisability of the North Carolina Classis assuming the financial support of the *Corinthian* beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that either this or a similar committee be continued through the year to consider this matter, and we also recommend that each pastor secure an agent in each congregation in his charge to secure subscriptions for the *Corinthian* at a commission of ten cents per copy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,
CLARENCE CLAPP,
M. J. ROWE.

The report was adopted, and the above committee was so continued.

OVERTURES.

The committee on Overtures made the following report:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to present the following items claiming the attention of Classis:

1. A letter from Rev. J. H. Shuford asking to be excused from attending this session of Classis.
2. The beneficiary students, S. W. Beck, W. H. Causey and Chas. W. Warlick, return thanks for the aid they received, and ask Classis to grant them the same amount next year.
3. An overture from the Mission at Salisbury asking for the speedy payment of the \$500 pledged by Classis.
4. Central Rowan Charge requests Classis to pay the balance of \$25 on salary due from Shiloh congregation.

5. A report from theological student H. E. Sechler, who has just finished his junior year in the Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio.

6. Six members in and around Lenoir request Classis to make some arrangement by which they may have preaching.

7. Mt. Bethel Mission asks Classis to provide some way to give them preaching once a month.

8. Catawba Charge asks Classis to consider their position and condition, and advise something for their betterment.

9. A joint request from Catawba Charge and Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser to dissolve the pastoral relationship between that charge and Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

10. A joint request from Lower Davidson Charge and Rev. W. H. McNairy to dissolve the pastoral relationship between that charge and Rev. Wm. H. McNairy.

11. Thomasville Charge requests Classis to excuse them from paying the full amount of apportionment.

12. A request from eleven persons that a congregation be organized at a certain point in Catawba County under the name of Bethany.

13. A statement from the Board of Foreign Missions.

14. A letter from Rev. J. W. Cecil asking to be excused for absence from this meeting of Classis.

15. A statement from the Board of Education of Potomac Synod relating to rules and regulations governing beneficiary students.

16. A letter from Rev. B. F. Davis asking Classis to accept his report, to excuse him from making a parochial report, and from attending the meeting of Classis on account of ill health.

17. A petition from Lower Davidson Charge for \$100 to supplement salary.

18. A call from East Rowan Charge to Rev. W. H. McNairy.

19. An overture from Catawba Charge for \$100 to supplement salary.

20. A call from Upper Davidson Charge to Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

21. Annual report of the General Board of Home Missions.

22. A recommendation and overture from the Joint Consistory of the Guilford Charge to dissolve Stoner's congregation and take charge of the property at that place.

23. Rev. M. L. Hedrick asks to be excused for non-attendance at the sessions of Classis.

24. A catalogue of Catawba College.

25. Rev. J. D. Andrew asks Classis to apportion at this session the \$100 pledged at the last meeting of Classis to Fairview Reformed Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
A. SHULENBERGER,
J. M. NIFONG.

The report was considered by items and disposed of in the following manner :

1. The request was granted.
2. Referred to the Board of Education.
3. RESOLVED, That the Treasurer of Classis be authorized to borrow the amount called for, giving his note.
4. The request was not granted.
5. Adopted.
6. Referred to the following special committee : Revs. Dr. J. C. Clapp, A. H. Smith and elder M. J. Rowe.
7. Referred to same committee.
8. Referred to the following special committee : Revs. Paul Barringer, Clarence Clapp and J. M. L. Lysterly.
9. The request was granted and the Charge declared vacant.
10. The request was granted and the Charge declared vacant.
11. RESOLVED, That in as much as an error was made last year in the apportionment to the newly formed Thomasville Charge, the arrearage be excused, and that the attention of the pastor and consistories be called to Art. 115 of the constitution with instructions to carry out the provisions thereof with reference to church members.
12. The request was granted, and Rev. A. H. Smith was appointed to organize the congregation and take charge of the interest.
13. Adopted and incorporated in the minutes as follows :

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA : Rev. and Dear Brethren : In presenting to your Reverend Classis our brief annual statement of the condition of our foreign work, it is with profound gratitude to God that we are enabled to say that it continues in a growingly prosperous condition.

Each succeeding year additional native workers continue to go out from our Institutions, so that the appropriation for evangelistic work must needs be increased year by year. Of the 156 students now enrolled, some 50 are candidates for the ministry, of whom about 20 are in the Theological Department. These numbers have varied but little in the last few years. The teaching force was increased recently by sending out Mr. Paul L. Gerhard of Lancaster, Pa., as the teacher of the English Language, etc. This is for the relief of the occupants of the other chairs. Mr. Ger-

hard's work will be laborious, as there are many students in the different classes studying English. The regular professors expend much strength and time, as their regular duties permit, in evangelistic work in Sendai and at the out-stations.

The Girl's School maintains its prosperity, with an increase of pupils up to 57, during the last year. It has become necessary to add another American to the teaching force, and at the late annual meeting of the Board, Miss Lillie M. Rohrbough of Youngstown, O., a graduate of Heidelberg University, was appointed. She will sail for Japan next August. With a larger plant a larger number of scholars could be gathered in.

The same prosperity is visible in the Evangelistic Department. Many souls are being gathered into the fold of Christ, and there is a decided improvement in attendance upon the preached word, as compared with a year or two ago. Dr. Moore's removal to Tokyo has resulted in a marked revival in interest, where, in consequence of the want of suitable ministrations, since the removal of the Mission to Sendai, there had been a sad decline. Since he has taken hold in the Capital City an old dilapidated building has given place to a neat new Chapel, much to the encouragement of the remaining faithful members, while an unusual accession has taken place, and a catechetical class of between 20 and 30 gives promise of a still larger accession at the Easter communion. Dr. Moore is providing for the erection of another Chapel in a neighboring town of several thousand inhabitants. Several other new Chapels have been erected and consecrated within the last year or two.

At the late annual meeting of the Board, the matter of planting a new Mission in China, as directed by General Synod, commanded serious and prayerful attention. It had previously instituted extensive research and inquiry, and the report of its committee was found to be very assuring. There was a strong disposition to take the step. The question of the readiness of the Church for the advance movement was, however, by no means clear. We know what is the mind of the General Synod, but as the Church at large must supply the means, the question with the Board was, does the mind of the Church accord with the action of General Synod? If so, the Board will be ready to act at an early date. The apportionment which was designed for the establishment of this new Mission will go into effect upon the action of Classes this spring. This action, if favorable, together with a marked increase of receipts by our treasury, will be taken by the Board as indicating an approval of the action of General Synod, and a promise to supply the necessary pecuniary means. If otherwise, the Board will be unable to go forward in that direction. The receipts of our treasury at the present time are short of its needs in the Japan work, and should there not be a material increase in contributions, after the meetings of the Classes this spring, the Board will understand by that fact, that the

Church is not ready for the step, and will accordingly postpone the planting of the new Mission.

In consequence of the special effort just made for the relief of our Home work, and not wishing in any way to distract that effort, the Foreign Board has for some months past relaxed its urgency upon the Church for the arrest of the decline in its own receipts. Meanwhile our shortage has increased, until now the outlook is, unless very large receipts for April come in, that we will have in bank from \$5000 to \$6000 of discounted paper.

With this brief exhibit of the favorable condition of our work in Japan, and the unfavorable condition of our Board's finances, we commend the whole interest to your prayerful and favorable consideration, earnestly begging your Reverend Classis to take such action, and devise such measures as will save our present prosperous work from demoralization, and enable the speedy planting of a new Mission in that most needy and suffering Empire of China.

Your Servant in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., April 12, 1897.

14. Adopted.
15. Adopted.
16. Adopted.
17. Referred to the committee created under item 6.
18. The call was confirmed, and the following committee appointed to install Rev. W. H. McNairy pastor of East Rowan Charge: Revs. Paul Barringer, A. Shulenberger and W. H. Stubblebine.
19. Referred to the special committee created under item 8.
20. The call was confirmed, and the following committee appointed to install Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser pastor of the Upper Davidson Charge: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, Clarence Clapp and J. D. Andrew.
21. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, John Ingle and elder C. C. Bost.
22. The request was granted.
23. Adopted.
24. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. J. D. Andrew, W. H. McNairy and elder H. D. Warlick.
25. Request was granted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was adopted :

RESOLVED, That Rev. W. H. Stubblebine be appointed to convey to the ladies, now assembled for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Classical Missionary Society, the cordial greetings of the Classis of North Carolina, and an expression of our hearty sympathy with the movement.

The hour of 4 o'clock having arrived, the session closed with the doxology and the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 7.

Classis was called to order at the regular time. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. A. H. Smith. The roll call showed a quorum present. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

Rev. H. D. Lequeux of the Presbyterian Church was invited to a seat as a visiting brother.

Expenses of delegates to Synod of the Potomac were ordered to be paid in part as follows : Rev. J. L. Murphy, \$25 ; Rev. J. C. Leonard, \$23 ; Elder S. M. Finger, \$24 ; to Rev. J. D. Andrew who attended the General Synod, \$25. Stated Clerk's salary and expenses were ordered to be paid in the sum of \$25.50. For printing the minutes of Classis \$45 was appropriated.

The following communication was received from the Woman's Classical Missionary Society :

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Classis of North Carolina, thank you, the Classis of North Carolina, for the kindly greeting and cordial endorsement extended to us this afternoon. We respectfully ask your reverend body to co-operate with us in organizing Missionary Societies and Mission Bands in charges where they do not exist. Also we ask you for your prayers that God will enable us to serve Him in such a way as to bring honor to His name and souls into His kingdom.

Alice Ingold Murrill,	} Com.
Fannie Lippard,	
Mary A. Ingle,	

In response to the above communication, the following action was taken by the Classis :

RESOLVED, That we hear with very great pleasure of the organization of a Woman's Classical Missionary Society within the bounds of the Classis of North Carolina, believing that in this organization we will have a valuable aid in our missionary operations.

RESOLVED, That we extend to these women our warm appreciation of their devotion to the interests of the Reformed Church in the South, and assure them of our cordial sympathy and assistance.

RESOLVED, That we invite the Woman's Classical Missionary Society to meet annually at the same time and place with us.

The committee appointed to visit the Woman's Classical Missionary Society, made the following report :

Your committee appointed to convey the action of Classis authorizing the women of our Classis to organize a Classical Missionary Society, beg leave to report that the duty was attended to.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE.

The report was adopted.

The committee on Religion and Statistics made the following report :

Your Committee on Religion and Statistics beg leave to report : That the parochial reports placed in our hands are encouraging to a marked degree. While no wonderful outbursts of religious enthusiasm or of an exceptional ingathering of souls have occurred, the normal development is steady and encouraging.

We note that the contributions for congregational purposes have fallen somewhat, those for benevolence have increased. There is a multiplication of organizations auxiliary to the church, intended to the better marshalling of the Host of the Lord against sin in all its forms. This is very much desired, especially since we have so little organized effort and the want of systematic church work has been lamentably weak.

We learn with regret of so much dead timber within the "Watered Garden" in men and women who do not endeavour to support the church and pastors set over them. All pastors and consistories thus afflicted should remember that the use of the pruning knife is beneficial and that the dead should be buried out of our sight.

The Home Mission cause is still uppermost and with the fostering aid of the Board of Home Missions will continue to spread until this Southland of ours will be dotted with many flourishing missions and congregations. The overtures for the formation of new congregations are one of the encouraging signs of vigorous life. The women of our church will and must be heard, and with their kindly aid and encouragement new sources

will be developed, and we trust by and through them the rising generation will learn the lessons of systematic benevolence. In fact, progress seems to be the watchword in every department. Hence it is natural and proper that the endowment of Catawba College be speedily raised to such proportions as to compete successfully with other denominational and the undenominational colleges and universities of the state. In the work we are reminded that there should be greater confidence in the people and institutions and Boards of our church and that the relations between pastor and laity must be friendly. These we are glad to note are growing day by day.

While we have a few aged ministers, none were called to their reward during the year, and only one is called upon to undergo physical infirmities. We have a young and vigorous ministry zealous in good works.

The Lord has not thus dealt with the laity. Many good and useful members were taken this year; notably among them was the Hon. Sidney Michael Finger of Newton, whose zeal and interest as an elder in the church and interest in her institutions made him a power among us. He and many who have gone across the river, are and will be missed for a long time.

Trusting that we and all ours will meet them in that House of Many Mansions we submit this our report.

Respectfully yours,

A. H. SMITH,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

The report was adopted. For the statistical reports, refer to the Appendix.

Rev. Thomas Long was excused for absence from this meeting of Classis.

The following resolution concerning East Rowan Charge was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we commend the liberal spirit of the East Rowan Charge in giving so liberally to Foreign Missions and the building of the Church in Salisbury, but hope and expect them to meet the apportionments which are the minimum amounts needed by Classis to meet its pledges to various benevolent objects.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

The committee on Examination and Licensure made the following report:

Your committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report that no one has applied.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP,
W. H. STUBBLEBINE,
G. F. HEDRICK.

The report was adopted.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The committee on the Minutes of General Synod made the following report :

The committee on the Minutes of General Synod beg leave to report the following :

1. Rev. J. D. Andrew was present from the Classis of North Carolina.
2. General Synod calls the attention of Classes to the interest of mission work in the South and West.
3. Plan of co-operation with Pan-Alliance of Reformed churches.
4. Classes recommended to organize Woman's Missionary Societies.
5. Classes and congregations recommended to secure full amount of apportionments for Foreign Missions.
6. Classes to urge upon their congregations larger contributions for the benefit of Orphan Homes.
7. General Synod calls the attention of Classes to the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows.
8. Classes recommended to appoint a Sunday School Committee; also to urge congregations and Sunday Schools to make annual contributions on Children's Day to the cause of Sunday School Missions and the support of the Board.
9. General Synod re-submits to the Classes the revised new Constitution for approval or rejection.
10. Classes instructed to instruct charges not to elect men as pastors not yet licensed.
11. General Synod will meet in triennial session in the Second Reformed Church, Tiffin, Ohio, on Tuesday after Whitsuntide, A. D., 1899, at 7:30 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,
CLARENCE CLAPP,
C. C. BOST.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows :

1. Adopted.
2. Adopted.
3. Adopted.
4. Adopted.
5. Adopted.
6. Adopted.
7. Adopted.
8. Adopted.

9. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, J. C. Clapp, D. D., and J. C. Leonard.

10. Adopted.

11. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Treasurer of Classis made his annual report as follows:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA: I beg leave to make my annual report for the year May 1896 to May 1897 as follows:

CONTINGENT FUND.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Balance in Treasury.....		.85
Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	16.00	16.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	20.00	20.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	9.00	9.00
Hickory Charge,.....	15.00	15.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	23.00	23.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	12.00	12.00
Concord (old) Charge,.....	18.00	18.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	18.00	18.00
Newton Charge,.....	10.00	10.00
Catawba Charge,.....	6.00	6.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	10.00	10.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	2.00	2.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	2.00	2.00
Total, ...		\$ 184.85

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

Stated Clerk, Salary and Expenses,.....	\$ 36.93
B. J. Summerrow for Printing,.....	33.00
Edgar Slagle, Treasurer,.....	42.00
Dr. J. C. Clapp, Expenses to Synod,.....	25.00
Rev. A. H. Smith, Expenses to Synod, ..	15.00
H. A. Forney, Former Treasurer,.....	26.00
Total, ...	\$ 177.93
Balance in Treasury,.....	\$ 6.92

CHURCH BUILDING.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	25.00	25.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	40.00	40.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	16.00	16.00
Hickory Charge,.....	27.00	27.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	45.00	45.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	25.00	25.00
Concord (old) Charge,.....	28.00	10.65
Lincoln Charge,.....	37.00	37.00
Newton Charge,.....	22.00	22.00
Catawba Charge,.....	16.00	16.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	17.00	17.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	3.00	3.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	3.00	3.00
Total,.....		\$ 332.65

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

Heidelberg Church, Thomasville,.....	\$ 190.10
Salisbury Church,.....	95.05
Conover Church,.....	47.50
Balance due from Concord (old) Charge,.....	17.35
Total,.....	\$ 332.65

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION:

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Balance in Treasury,.....		\$ 86.38
Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 20.00	14.73
West Rowan Charge,.....	12.00	12.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	15.00	9.03
Central Rowan Charge,.....	8.00	8.00
Hickory Charge,.....	15.00	15.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	17.00	17.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	10.00	10.00
Concord (old) Charge,.....	13.00	3.25
Lincoln Charge,.....	16.00	16.00
Newton Charge,.....	8.00	8.00
Catawba Charge,.....	6.00	6.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	8.00	0.00

Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission.....	1.00	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Total,.....		\$ 208.39

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

Chas. W. Warlick,.....	50.00
S. W. Beck,.....	50.00
W. H. Causey,.....	50.00
Total, ...	\$ 150.00

Balance in Treasury,.....	\$ 58.39
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BALANCE DUE TREASURER:

East Rowan Charge,.....	5.97
Guilford Charge,.....	5.27
Concord (old) Charge,.....	9.75
Thomasville Charge,.....	8.00
Total, ...	\$ 28.99

HOME MISSIONS.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Balance in Treasury.....		\$33.83
Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 45.00	45.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	26.00	26.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	32.00	23.36
Central Rowan Charge,.....	16.00	16.00
Hickory Charge,.....	29.00	54.20
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	40.00	40.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	25.00	25.00
Concord (old) Charge,.....	30.00	7.50
Lincoln Charge,.....	37.00	37.00
Newton Charge,.....	18.00	22.70
Catawba Charge, ...	15.00	15.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	20.00	15.05
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	3.00	3.00
Mt. Pleasant Mission,.....	1.00	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	3.00	3.00
Total, ...		\$ 367.64

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PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

Rev. W. H. McNairy,.....	\$ 100.00
Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser,.....	75.00
Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.....	25.00
Rev. J. L. Murphy.....	10.00
Treasurer Board Home Missions,.....	33.83

Total, ...	\$ 243.83
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Balance in Treasury,.....	\$ 123.81
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BALANCE DUE TREASURER:

East Rowan Charge,.....	\$ 8.64
Concord (old) Charge,.....	22.50
Thomasville Charge,.....	4.95
Total, ...	\$ 36.09

SPECIAL DONATIONS:

Rev. J. L. Murphy for Rev. W. H. McNairy,.....	\$ 10.00
Rev. J. C. Leonard for Rev. W. H. McNairy,.....	10.00
Total, ...	\$ 20.00
Paid to Rev. W. H. McNairy,.....	\$ 20.00

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

Balance in Treasury,.....	\$ 52.12
Guilford Charge,.....	5.35
East Rowan Charge,.....	104.49
Hickory Charge,.....	20.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	11.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	5.25
Newton Charge,.....	33.89
Total, ...	\$ 132.10

PAID OUT AS FOLLOWS:

Joseph L. Lemberger, Treasurer,.....	\$ 111.45
Balance in Treasury,.....	20.65

A. A. SHUFORD, Treasurer,
by H. A. FORNEY, Deputy Treasurer.

The report was referred to the committee on Finance to audit.

The special committee on the report of the Board of Missions made the following report :

Your special committee to whom was referred the annual report of the General Board of Home Missions beg leave to make the following report :

We glean from said report that there are at present under the care of the Board one hundred and four English missions, three of which are in our Classis ; also that the Board has been, and is, heavily pressed for funds sufficient to carry on the work on hand.

In view of the above we submit the following for adoption :

WHEREAS, This Classis learns with regret that contributions have not been sufficient to meet the expenses of the Board, and in order that there be no retrenchment, but rather progress,

RESOLVED, That our pastors be instructed to preach a sermon before their people on the subject of Home Missions, urging to larger giving ; and that special efforts be made to secure funds sufficient to carry on successfully the work begun.

RESOLVED, That we hail with pleasure the interest the Board is manifesting in missions in the South, and especially within the bounds of our own Classis, and that we hereby pledge ourselves to stand by the Board to the extent of our ability.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

JOHN INGLE,

C. C. BOST.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the New Constitution made the following report :

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of the adoption or rejection of the new constitution beg leave to make the following report :

Believing that our present constitution is better adapted to the wants of our church than the proposed new constitution, therefore we respectfully record our protest to the adoption of the new constitution as proposed by General Synod.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE,

J. C. CLAPP,

J. C. LEONARD.

The report was adopted.

The Reportorial Committee made the following report :

Your committee appointed to report the proceedings of Classis to different papers beg leave to report that the duty was attended to in the send-

ing of reports to the *Charlotte Observer*, *Raleigh Tribune*, *Salisbury, Greensboro, Hickory* and *Newton papers*.

J. L. MURPHY,
W. H. STUBBLEBINE.

The report was adopted.

Classis now took a recess until after the sermon by Rev. A. H. Smith and the noon intermission, the session closing with the doxology and benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order at the regular time. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser. The roll call showed a quorum present.

Classis proceeded to the selection of the time and place of the next annual meeting. Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., was selected as the place, and Thursday, May 12th, 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M. as the time.

The following resolution was adopted :

RESOLVED, That the Treasurer be authorized to close his books and make his report five days before the annual meeting of Classis.

The committee on items 8 and 18 of the report on Overtures made their report, which was amended and adopted as follows :

Your committee to whom were referred items 8 and 18 of the report on Overtures beg leave to report as follows :

RESOLVED, That Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., be empowered to confer with the consistories and members of the several charges in Catawba and Lincoln Counties with a view of reconstruction, and that he be directed to carry out this instruction as soon as possible and call a special meeting of Classis to take action thereon.

Elders W. S. Wagoner, N. I. Rowe and J. A. Yost were excused from attendance after to-day.

An order on the treasurer of the Woman's Classical Missionary Society for four dollars was accepted in the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That we thankfully accept the donation proffered by the W. C. M. S., to the Treasurer of Classis, and highly appreciate their kind words of interest.

The following persons were elected members of the Board of Education : Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly and Elders M. J. Rowe and S. T. Wilfong.

The committee on items 6 and 7 of the report on Overtures made the following report :

Your committee to which were referred items 6, 7 and 17 of the report of the committee on Overtures and the interest at Burlington beg leave to report :

1. That we give Mt. Bethel \$30 and Lenoir \$20, provided they each have preaching once a month and raise similar amounts. We recommend that these points be placed under the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy with such help as he can get from the ministers teaching in Catawba College and that he have power to organize a congregation at or near Lenoir at his discretion.

2. After Lower Davidson has secured a pastor and raised in quarterly payments enough to make \$300.00 per year, Classis shall give \$100.00 to supplement his salary.

3. We recommend that \$250.00 be given to Burlington Mission, provided they get a regular pastor and that they raise at least \$50.00 for his support; and that the consistories of the Guilford Charge, the Fairview Mission and the Burlington Mission consider the advisability of so reconstructing the same as to strengthen this point with the view of making two self supporting charges; and that the Rev. J. C. Leonard co-operate with them in accomplishing this.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP,
A. H. SMITH,
M. J. ROWE.

The report was adopted.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the session closed with the doxology, and the benediction by Rev. W. H. Stubblebine

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 8.

Classis was called to order at the stated time. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. Paul Barringer. The roll was called and a quorum noted present. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The committee on Religious Services made the following report :

Your committee on Religious Services report as follows :

Thursday, sermon by Rev. John Ingle.

Friday, sermon by Rev. A. H. Smith.

Saturday, sermon (preparatory service) by Rev. N. Z. Snyder.

Evening services at 8:00 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY EVENING :

1. How to hold the young people in the church—Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.
2. Foreign Missions—Rev. A. H. Smith.
3. Home Missions—Rev. W. H. Stubblebine.

THURSDAY EVENING :

Woman's Meeting.

FRIDAY EVENING :

1. The Endowment of Catawba College—Rev. J. C. Leonard.
2. Why send our boys and girls there?—Rev. J. L. Murphy.
3. Duties of the Reformed Church to her College—Hon. C. H. Mebane.

SUNDAY MORNING, 9:30 O'CLOCK :

1. Influence of the Sunday School—Rev. Clarence Clapp.
2. Why should all the members of the church attend Sunday School?—Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

Communion sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Stubblebine. Sermon in the Grove by Rev. Clarence Clapp.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON :

Sermon in the Church by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly. Sermon in the Grove by Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser. Sermon at Law's Lutheran Church by Rev. Paul Barringer.

CLOSING SERVICES OF CLASSIS :

1. Hymn by Rev. W. H. Stubblebine.
2. Prayer by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.
3. Address by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.
4. Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer and Doxology by the Classis.
5. Benediction by the President.

J. D. ANDREW,
W. H. MCNAIRY.

The report was adopted.

The special committee on the Catalogue of Catawba College made the following report :

Your committee to whom was referred the Catalogue of Catawba College beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Catalogue

and are much gratified with the healthy condition of the College. Your committee heartily commends this school to the liberal patronage of the North Carolina Classis, the Synod of the Potomac and friends elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,
W. H. MCNAIRY,
H. D. WARLICK.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted :

RESOLVED, That the W. C. M. S. be granted permission to have the minutes of their proceedings printed under cover with the minutes of Classis, provided the extra cost of printing be furnished from their treasury.

The Committee on Sunday Schools and Sunday School Work presented their report of tabulated statistics which was read and placed on file.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report :

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report that they examined the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with the same, and find it correct, and we recommend its adoption.

Your committee further report the following apportionment for objects of benevolence referred to us by Classis :

CONTINGENT FUND :

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 30.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	19.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	26.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	10.00
Hickory Charge,.....	21.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	29.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	16.00
Concord Charge,.....	5.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	25.00
Newton Charge,.....	15.00
Catawba Charge,.....	8.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	13.00
New Gilead Charge,.....	18.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	2.00
Burlington Mission,.....	2.00

Fairview Mission,.....	1.00
Salisbury Mission,.....	1.00
Total,.....	\$ 241.00

This fund is to be paid at the beginning of the Classical year :

CHURCH BUILDING :

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 40.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	20.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	32.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	14.00
Hickory Charge,.....	24.00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	40.00
Lower Davidson Charge.....	28.00
Concord Charge.....	6.00
Lincoln Charge.....	29.00
Newton Charge.....	16.00
Catawba Charge.....	12.00
Thomasville Charge.....	14.00
New Gilead Charge.....	19.00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	3.00
Burlington Mission.....	2.00
Fairview Mission.....	1.00
Salisbury Mission.....	1.00
Total.....	\$ 301.00

This fund is to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer in the month of June.

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

Guilford Charge.....	\$ 20.00
West Rowan Charge.....	12.00
East Rowan Charge.....	15.00
Central Rowan Charge.....	8.00
Hickory Charge.....	15.00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	17.00
Lower Davidson Charge.....	10.00
Concord Charge.....	4.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	16.00
Newton Charge,.....	8.00
Catawba Charge,.....	5.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	8.00
New Gilead Charge,.....	9.00

Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	1.00
Burlington Mission,.....	1.00
Fairview Mission,.....	1.00
Salisbury Mission,.....	1.00
Total,.....	\$ 151.00

This fund is to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer in the month of September.

HOME MISSIONS:

Guilford Charge,.....	\$ 53.00
West Rowan Charge,.....	26.00
East Rowan Charge,.....	42.00
Central Rowan Charge,.....	18.00
Hickory Charge,.....	32.00
Upper Davidson Charge,.....	53.00
Lower Davidson Charge,.....	43.00
Concord Charge,..	8.00
Lincoln Charge,.....	38.00
Newton Charge,.....	21.00
Catawba Charge,.....	16.00
Thomasville Charge,.....	18.00
New Gilead Charge,.....	25.00
Mt. Bethel Mission,.....	4.00
Burlington Mission,.....	2.00
Fairview Mission,.....	1.00
Salisbury Mission,.....	2.00
Total,.....	\$ 402.00

This fund is to be paid into the hands of the Treasurer of Classis in the month of December.

Offerings for Foreign Missions may be made any time during the year. The Classis designates the month of March as suitable.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER,
L. R. WHITENER,
J. M. NIFONG.

The report was adopted.

The following persons were appointed to take charge of the Stoner's Church property with power to dispose of same: Messrs. W. A. Welker, J. R. Woods and B. F. Low.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

WHEREAS, The members and friends of the Mt. Hope congregation have been so lavish in their hospitality and made our brief sojourn in their midst so pleasant, therefore

RESOLVED, That Classis express its kind appreciation for the same by a rising vote.

RESOLVED, That we extend our thanks to the Southern Railway for courtesies extended.

All business of the Classis having now been disposed of, the minutes of the day's session were read and adopted. The roll was called, and all members not previously excused answered to their names. The order of closing services reported by the committee on Religious Services was observed, and the President declared the Classis adjourned.

J. L. MURPHY, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original Minutes,

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Sept., 7th, 1896, at 1 o'clock P. M., in obedience to the following call of the President: Newton, N. C., Aug. 20th, 1896, Dear Bro:—You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., September 7th, 1896, at 1 o'clock P. M., to dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. Paul Barringer and the East Rowan Charge. Please notify your Elder.

Yours fraternally,

A. H. SMITH, President.

Regular devotional services were conducted by the President. Rev. J. C. Clapp was appointed Stated Clerk *pro tem*. The following members were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, A. H. Smith, J. A. Foil and elders S. M. Finger and D. M. Carpenter.

A joint request from the pastor and joint consistory of the East Rowan charge, asking the dissolution of the pastoral rela-

tion, was read. The request was granted, and the charge declared vacant.

Classis adjourned with the doxology and the benediction.

A. H. SMITH, President.

J. C. CLAPP, Stated Clerk, *protem*.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed church, Newton N. C., Jan. 28th, 1897, in obedience to the following call of the President, viz : Newton, Jan. 14th, 1897. Dear Bro : You are hereby notified of a called meeting of North Carolina Classis for Thursday Jan. 28th at 1 P. M. in my church to take action on the following items of business.

1. To receive Rev. W. H. Stubblebine from Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, and to provide for his installation.
2. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. J. C. Leonard and the Upper Davidson charge.
3. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., and the Lincoln charge.
4. To confirm the call issued to Rev. Paul Barringer from New Gilead Charge, and to provide for his installation.
5. To confirm the call issued to Rev. B. F. Davis from Concord Charge, and to provide for his installation.

Please notify your elder.

Yours fraternally,

A. H. SMITH, President.

At the appointed time the President called the Classis to order and opened the meeting with singing, scripture reading and prayer. The following members answered at the roll call : Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard and A. H. Smith ; Elders M. L. McCorkle (*secundus*) of the Newton charge, and J. W. Robinson of the Hickory charge.

The items specified in the call were disposed of as follows :

1. A certificate, signed by the President and Stated Clerk of

Wyoming Classis, Eastern Synod, dismissing Rev. Wm. H. Stubblebine to the Classis of North Carolina was read. Rev. Stubblebine was received, and his name placed on the roll of ministers; and he, being present, took his seat in Classis. The following committee was appointed to install Rev. W. H. Stubblebine pastor of Faith Reformed Mission in Salisbury: Revs. J. C. Leonard, Clarence Clapp and B. F. Davis.

2. A joint request from Rev. J. C. Leonard and the joint consistory of the Upper Davidson charge requesting that the pastoral relation be dissolved was placed in the hands of Classis. The request was granted, and the charge declared vacant after February 25th, 1897.

3. A similar request from Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., and the joint consistory of the Lincoln Charge was read. The request was granted and the charge declared vacant.

4. The call for Rev. Paul Barringer to become pastor of the New Gilead Charge was found in order and confirmed; the following committee on installation was appointed: Revs. J. L. Murphy, B. F. Davis and A. Shulenberger.

5. The call extended to Rev. B. F. Davis by the Concord Charge being found in order was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to install him pastor: Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, J. M. L. Lyerly and Paul Barringer.

The minutes of the meeting were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the Lord's prayer, and the benediction by the President.

A. H. SMITH, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original Minutes,

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF N. C. CLASSIS.

By invitation of Rev. J. D. Andrew of Guilford Charge, and in response to stirring appeals sent out by Mrs. B. F. Davis of the Concord Church, a number of earnest women assembled in the school-rooms of Mt. Hope Church, at 1 o'clock P. M. Thursday, May 6th, 1897. By a dispensation of Providence, Mrs. Davis

could not be present. Miss Fetzer of Concord, delegated by Mrs. Davis as her proxy, called the meeting to order. Devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. Ingle. By motion, Mrs. G. T. Crowell of Concord was called to the chair, and Mrs. Alice Ingold Murrill of Hickory was made Secretary, *pro tem*. Miss Fetzer explained the object of the meeting, and on motion, proceeded to organize a Woman's Classical Missionary Society of North Carolina Classis. Delegates were enrolled as follows :

Concord—Mrs. G. F. Crowell and Miss Frances Lippard ; Hickory—Mesdames J. L. Murphy and Alice Ingold Murrill ; Upper Davidson—Miss Mary Ida Hedrick ; East Rowan—Mrs. W. H. McNairy ; West Rowan—Mrs. J. C. Linn ; Mt. Bethel Mission—Mrs. J. Ingle ; Guilford—Mrs. Jesse Welker Starr and Misses Mamie Clapp and Minnie Montgomery.

The Constitution of W. M. S. of General Synod was adopted by articles, and as a whole. The Motto : " Out of Darkness into the light, Through the blood of Christ," was also adopted.

The following were nominated, and declared the officers for one year : President, Miss Ida Hedrick ; Vice President, Mrs. J. L. Murphy ; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Alice Ingold Murrill ; Treasurer, Miss Mamie Clapp ; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. B. F. Davis. Miss Hedrick, in a few heart-chosen words, deeply touching in their humility and consecrated courage, accepted the Chair, and commended the officers and their work to the prayers and co-operation of the members. A season of silent prayer, closed by Mrs. Ingle, followed. At this point, Rev. Bro. Stubblebine came in with greetings from Classis, and assurance of hearty approval, responded to by the following, " Resolved, that we, the members of the W. C. M. S. respectfully ask Classis to co-operate with us in organizing Congregational Missionary Societies and Mission Bands in charges where they do not exist. Also, that we ask for their prayers that God will enable us to serve Him in such a way as to bring honor to His name, and souls into His kingdom."

The President urged the importance of organizing W. C. M. S. Mrs. Murrill presented the claims of the Woman's Journal,

as the Organ of Synodical, Classis, and Congregational M. S.

Miss Lippard urged the organizing of Mission Bands, giving a concise and interesting account of her own work among the children. Mrs. Ingle read an earnest, thrilling paper on Child Training, and the work done in her neighborhood by Mother's Meetings. Adjourned to 10 A. M. Thursday.

The Woman's Meeting announced by the Program of Classis, was opened at 8 P. M., Miss Hedrick presiding. The following program was given :

I. Organ Voluntary—Miss Frances Lippard. II. Scripture—Miss Hedrick; Prayer—Dr. J. C. Clapp. III. Music—"Send Out the Light." Choir. IV. Address of Welcome—Mrs. Jessie Welker Starr. V. Response—Mrs. Alice Ingold Murrill. VI. Solo—"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"—Mrs. Murphy. VII. Paper—Mrs. B. F. Davis. VIII. Paper—Miss Hedrick. IX. Music—Choir. X. Recitation—"Sweet Messenger of Heaven," Mrs. J. P. Linn. XI. Solo—"The Holy City," Mrs. Murphy. XII. Reading—Miss Lippard. XIII. Paper—Mrs. Ingle. XIV. Invitation to Brothers of the Classis to speak. XV. Collection—Bro. Murphy. XVI. Benediction—Bro. A. H. Smith. The audience was large and interested; the collection amounted to \$7.07. Friday, 10 A. M., Devotional exercises by the President, Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

A committee was appointed to forward to our Mrs. Davis a message, Psalm 99—6—latter clause, with expression of kindest sympathy, and regret that she could not be with us.

By motion, Classis was asked to accept \$4 from our Treasury, to be applied, \$2 to Mt. Bethel Mission, and \$2 to Salisbury Mission. The following was added to the Constitution, as by-law No. 2. The Treasurer shall pay out money only on order of the President and Corresponding Sec.

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows :

RESOLVED, That we extend sincere thanks to the members of Mt. Hope Reformed Congregation for the hospitality of their homes so freely and so cordially opened to us. That we will always remember our stay with them with pleasure and affection, and pray that God will richly bless them in heart and home, in basket and in store.

RESOLVED, That an account of our meetings be given to the *Corinthian*, and to the *Woman's Journal* for publication. Alice Ingold Murrill, Mary A. Ingle, Frances Lippard, committee

An interesting letter, sent by Mrs. Whitener to the Concord W. M. S. was read by Mrs. Crowell

Adjourned to meet at time and place of the next Annual meeting of N. C. Classis

Saturday, 10 A. M., Called Meeting. Devotional Exercises by Miss Fetzner. Classis having given permission to have the proceedings of our meeting published under cover with their Minutes, the Secretary was directed to prepare them, the expense to be defrayed by our Treasurer. A W. M. S. for Mt. Hope congregation was then organized, President, Mrs. Jessie Welker Starr; Secretary, Miss Elma Woods. An appointment was made for one o'clock, when Miss Lippard would organize a Mission Band. Adjourned to time of regular meeting. Respectfully Submitted,

ALICE INGOLD MURRILL, Rec Sec.

For the year ending May 5th, A. D., 1897. I hereby certify that these statistics are carefully and officially prepared—J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. of Congregations.		Members.		Additions.			Losses.				Cont'b't'ns.		Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate of Re- newal of profession.	Dismissed.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths Communicants.	Deaths Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Benefoient Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.			Minutes of Synod Wanted.
Thomas Long,.....	Without Charge,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Salem,..... N. C.
Jesse W. Cecil,.....	Without Charge,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Thomasville,..... N. C.
John Ingle,.....	Without Charge,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Green Park,..... N. C.
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.,.....	Pres. Catawba Col.,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Newton,..... N. C.
P. M. Trexler, D. D.,.....	Prof. in Catawba Col.,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Newton,..... N. C.
Michael L. Hedrick,.....	Without Charge,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Silver Hill,..... N. C.
John A. Foil, Ph. D.,.....	Prof. in Catawba Col.,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Newton,..... N. C.
Paul Barringer,.....	New Gilead,	2 194 144 114	3.....	.....	.....	.....	14.....	.....	13.....	6.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Mt. Pleasant,..... N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy,.....	Hickory,.....	3 243.....	123 13	3 15	4 2	2.....	15 4	.....	2.....	2.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Hickory,..... N. C.
*Jacob C. Leonard,.....	**Upper Davidson,	4 457 320 125 17	12 30	18 2	2.....	.....	30 18	.....	2.....	5.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 Lexington,..... N. C.
J. M. Luther Lyerly,.....	Central Rowan,	4 162 158 173.....	18.....	.....	.....	.....	2 2	9 16	3 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 Faith,..... N. C.
Andrew H. Smith,.....	Newton,	1 164 124 85.....	13 2	14 1	.....	.....	2 1	.....	4.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84 Newton,..... N. C.
James D. Andrew,.....	Gaillard,	4 446 404 53 7	2 10.....	.....	.....	.....	2 34	.....	.....	2.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 Danville,..... N. C.
Julius H. Shuford,.....	Without Charge,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Middlebrook,..... Va.
†H. A. M. Holshouser,.....	†Catawba,	4 162 127 60 8.....	18 5	4.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 Lexington,..... N. C.
†William H. McNairy,.....	†Lower Davidson,	5 340 273 128 24 11	40 7.....	.....	.....	.....	8.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 Rockwell,..... N. C.
B. Frank Davis,.....	Concord,	1 63 42 40.....	1 2 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 Concord,..... N. C.
A. Shulenberger,.....	West Rowan,	2 209 203 115 12	2 19 5	4 14	3 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53 China Grove,..... N. C.
Clarence Clapp,.....	Thomasville,	3 176 125 39 8 6	9 3 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 Thomasville,..... N. C.
W. H. Stubblebine,.....	Salisbury,	1 14 14 14.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Salisbury,..... N. C.
Vacant,.....	Lincoln Charge,	4 294.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 Maiden,..... N. C.
Vacant,.....	East Rowan,	2 320 249 203 13.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 Rockwell,..... N. C.
J. L. Murphy, supply,.....	Mt. Bethel Mission,	1 31.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 Blowing Rock,..... N. C.
J. D. Andrew, supply,.....	Burlington Mission,	1 25 8 10.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 Burlington,..... N. C.
J. D. Andrew, supply,.....	Fairview Mission,	1 8.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total,.....	.....	43 3317 2190 1421 146	39 177 83	40 102 49	8.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	224 459
												\$1490	\$7346			

*Field Secretary of Catawba College. **Vacant from February 25th to May 1st. †Pastor of Upper Davidson Charge since May 1st. ††Vacant since May 1st. ‡Pastor of East Rowan Charge since April 1st. ‡‡Vacant since April 1st.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States, A. D., 1896.

CLASSES.	Baptisms.		Additions.		Confirmed.	Certificate or Re- newal of profession.	Communed.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Contributions.		
	Infants.	Adults.														Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Zion's	13	33	4615	2575	315	28	253	176	3665	113	43	105	44	412	4696	4	\$ 3669 00	\$ 20396 00
Maryland	38	62	9069	4880	490	57	428	249	7307	150	149	251	59	975	7006	11	9567 00	46670 00
Meersburg	21	26	3371	1717	74	65	152	80	2789	65	82	51	23	409	2687	6	3734 47	12847 26
Virginia	17	32	2455	1211	88	60	133	41	2080	35	26	45	28	315	1876	2	1977 16	9545 70
North Carolina	19	41	3252	1625	168	24	154	55	2550	40	2	48	36	372	2748	8	1450 84	9174 08
Gettysburg	18	29	5665	3772	325	33	267	115	5008	79	30	144	28	372	3176	13	4371 00	20168 00
Carlisle	12	21	2238	1028	67	11	71	43	1880	70	38	53	20	253	2030	7	2419 52	7913 45
Junata	21	50	5736	3193	246	64	231	157	4921	131	96	107	46	608	4107	11	5186 00	20753 00
*Portland-Ore ..	10	13	532	486	74		26	13	288	3	3	5	10		408		221 00	2727 00
Syn. P. to Total	9	169	307	36933	20487	342	1715	929	30489	686	502	809	294	3314	28734	62	\$32595 99	\$150194 49
Eastern Synod ..	12	282	524	94473	5339	578	4585	2370	73434	1219	1766	2376	606	8869	71878	112	81340 00	380669 00
Ohio Synod	6	127	233	22400	6356	718	1267	1110	18987	520	709	372	212	3127	23554	23	18216 00	127663 00
Syn. Pittsburgh ..	5	76	137	16865	9741	162	925	530	14120	350	461	299	120	1347	10750	16	21684 00	80414 00
Syn. of N. West ..	10	154	225	21258	14497	27	1004	777	15079	189	4	557	383	187	12219	38	14063 00	87914 00
Ger. Syn. of East ..	5	59	58	14830	10055	2042	14	728	894	11891	123	8	505	421	56	1070	7864 00	106420 00
Central Synod ...	4	84	114	19541	11611	1133	53	830	477	14173	214	14	493	384	102	1564	12218	83858 00
Syn. of Interior ..	5	50	67	2998	1445	171	227	162	244	69	191	50	62	671	3827	7	3173 07	19335 63
Total 8 Dis. Syns 561 1001	1665	229300	126097	13976	1949	11281	7249	180617	3361	2815184	5094	1639	20789	74164	297	194126 06	1036468 12	

* Last year's report.

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS
OF
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OF THE
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IN THE
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Sixty-Eighth Annual Session,
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OFFICERS OF THE CLASSIS:

President: Rev. Paul Barringer Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Stated Clerk: Rev. J. C. Leonard Lexington, N. C.
Treasurer: Elder M. J. Rowe Newton, N. C.

THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Reformed Church in the United States.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1898.

The Classis of North Carolina of the Reformed Church in the United States met in sixty-eighth annual session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Thursday, May 12th, A. D., 1898, at 2 o'clock P. M. The retiring President, Rev. J. L. Murphy, preached the opening sermon from Isaiah lii:1, "Awake! Awake: Put on Thy Strength, O Zion; Put on Thy Beautiful Garments."

After the sermon the Classis was constituted with Scripture reading, the singing of a hymn and prayer. The roll of ministers and elders was called, and the following members answered to their names:

MINISTERS: John Ingle, Jacob C. Clapp, D. D., Peter M. Trexler, D. D., Paul Barringer, Joseph L. Murphy, Jacob C. Leonard, J. M. Luther Lysterly, James D. Andrew, Harvey A. M. Holshouser, William H. McNairy, Anthony Shulenberger, Clarence Clapp, William H. Stubblebine, Theodore C. Hesson and Lewis M. Kerschner.

ELDERS: L. J. Foil, of the New Gilead Charge; S. T. Wilfong, Hickory; J. P. Long, Upper Davidson; J. D. McCombs, Central Rowan; M. L. McCorkle, Newton; B. F. Low, Guilford; A. Crotts, Lower Davidson; A. G. Bost, Concord; H. O. Deal, West Rowan; D. A. Long, Thomasville; J. C. Warlick, Lincoln; M. L. Klutz, East Rowan; D. E. Clapp, Burlington.

A quorum being present, the Classis proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser and W. H. McNairy were appointed tellers. Rev. Paul Barringer was elected President; Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Vice President; Rev. J. D. Andrew, Corresponding Secretary. Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

The President announced the following Standing Committees :

1. RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D., J. C. Clapp, D. D., and Elder M. L. McCorkle.
2. MINUTES OF CLASSIS: Revs. J. C. Leonard, C. Clapp and Elder L. J. Foil.
3. MINUTES OF POTOMAC SYNOD: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, P. M. Trexler, D. D., and Elder S. T. Wilfong.
4. OVERTURES: Revs. L. M. Kerschner, J. Ingle and Elder J. P. Long.
5. EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE: Revs. P. M. Trexler D. D., W. H. McNairy and Elder J. D. McCombs.
6. NOMINATIONS: Revs. A. Shulenberger, W. H. McNairy and Elder B. F. Low.
7. FINANCE: Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser and Elders D. A. Long and J. C. Warlick.
8. RELIGION AND STATISTICS: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. D. Andrew and Elder D. E. Clapp.

The bar of the house was defined to be three pews in front and four on either side of the pulpit. The time of opening and closing the sessions of Classis was fixed as follows: Open at 9:30 o'clock a. m. and close at 4:30 p. m., with a recess from 11:30 to 1:30.

Classis proceeded to the hearing of parochial reports. These reports when read were referred to the committee on Religion and Statistics.

The following elders were invited to seats as advisory members: M. J. Rowe, A. D. Shuford and P. Herman. The

presence of Rev. M. D. Giles of the M. E. Church was recognized.

The following committee was appointed on reporting for the press: Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, J. L. Murphy and C. Clapp.

The committee on Sunday Schools and Sunday School work for the next classical year as appointed consists of Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and H. A. M. Holshouser.

A certificate dismissing Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D., from the Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac, to the Classis of North Carolina was read and found to be regular and in order; and the Rev. Long was received and his name placed on the roll of ministers.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the session closed with the doxology, and the benediction by the President.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 13TH.

Classis was called to order at the stated time. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser. The roll call showed a quorum present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved. Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., and C. H. Reidesel, and Elder James Propst, of the Catawba charge, appeared and took their seats. The presence of Rev. Ernest Clapp, of the Reformed Church in America, was recognized.

Hearing of parochial reports were resumed and completed.

The following resolutions on the war between the United States and Spain were adopted:

WHEREAS, The blowing up of the battleship Maine, causing a sacrifice of 266 innocent victims who were patriotic seamen under the flag of the United States, has led to a rupture between our American Republic and Spain, and

WHEREAS, It has become necessary to the stern arbitrament of war, which we mournfully regret, in behalf of oppressed humanity in the Island of Cuba;

Resolved, That we declare our approbation of the act of the Chief Executive of the United States, under the advice of both houses of Congress

and his cabinet, in declaring war against Spain after every effort to bring about an honorable and peaceable settlement of the difficulty had failed. Not only has an insult been offered to the United States government, but our fellow-men in Cuba have been the subjects of wrong and oppression for years, reminding us of the dark days when our fathers were similarly treated. Love of country is next to love of God, and love of liberty is akin to heaven. It is the duty of all Christian patriots to defend the honor of the American flag and the cause of oppressed humanity. As a part of the Christian Church we pray that the God of battles will give success to our arms on land and sea, and will speedily bring a triumphant victory, restoring tranquility and peace between the two nations.

The committee on the Minutes of Classis made the following report:

To the Classis of North Carolina: Your committee on the Minutes of Classis beg leave to report the following items claiming consideration:

1. The committee on Sunday Schools and Sunday School work, consisting of Revs. J. D. Andrew, A. H. Smith and H. A. M. Holshouser, was directed to inquire into the possibility of holding one or more Sunday School Conventions within the bounds of Classis during the year.

2. Messrs. M. L. McCorkle, H. E. Ramsaur and P. D. Hinson were continued by Classis as agents and trustees in charge of the Reformed Church property in Lincolnton with powers and instructions previously conferred.

3. Rev. J. D. Andrew and Messrs. R. J. Mebane and Levi Shepherd, were continued as attorneys with power to dispose of the interest of the Reformed Church in the Union Frieden Church property in Guilford County.

4. The pastors of Classis were requested to present the claims of Catawba College to their congregations.

5. Revs. J. D. Andrew, Clarence Clapp and Elder M. J. Rowe were appointed to consider the advisability of Classis assuming support and control of the *Corinthian*, published at Hickory.

6. The treasurer of Classis was authorized to borrow a sufficient amount of money to cover the pledge made to Faith Reformed Church of Salisbury.

7. Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., was directed to confer with the consistories of the several charges in Catawba and Lincoln counties with a view of reconstruction.

8. The following persons constitute the Board of Education: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly and Elders M. J. Rowe and S. T. Wilfong.

9. Lenoir and Mt. Bethel were granted \$20 and \$30 respectively on certain conditions, and the two interests were placed under the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy with instructions to organize at Lenoir if advisable.

10. Lower Davidson charge was granted \$100 to supplement pastor's salary under certain conditions.

11. Burlington Mission was granted an appropriation of \$250 on certain conditions.

12. A committee consisting of Messrs. W. A. Welker, J. R. Woods and B. F. Low was appointed to take charge of Stoner's Church property with power to dispose of the same.

13. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, C. Clapp and J. D. Andrew were appointed to install Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser pastor of the Upper Davidson charge.

14. Revs. P. Barringer, A. Shulenberger and W. H. Stubblebine were appointed to install Rev. W. H. McNairy pastor of East Rowan charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
CLARENCE CLAPP,
L. J. FOIL.

The report was considered by items, and disposed of as follows :

1. The following report was received and adopted :

Your Committee on Sunday Schools and Sunday School work beg leave to report that as the Reformed people are sparsely settled in this Classis therefore it was not deemed advisable to hold a convention during the year.

J. D. ANDREW,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

2. The following report was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina: Your Committee to take charge of the Reformed Church property in Lincolnton beg leave to report that they had a conference with Rev. John Moser, the pastor of the Lutheran Church of that place. Your committee agreed to give the said Louthern Church a quit claim deed for the old church site for \$75, and reserved the other grounds. The said Rev. John Moser agreed to give the same; but it has not been paid. The Lutherans have built on the grounds and occupy the same. Your committee is ready to execute the deed for the same when the money is paid.

M. L. MCCORKLE,
P. D. HINSON,
H. E. RAMSAUR.

Rev. T. C. Hesson was added to the present committee, and the committee instructed to organize a congregation if necessary and advisable, and dispose of the property before the next annual meeting of Classis.

3. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed as attorneys to dispose of the interest of

the Reformed Church in the Union Frieden Church property in Guilford county failed to secure the coöperation of the Synod of the Lutheran Church in dividing or selling this property because of the fact that the property is deeded to the congregation and not to the Synod.

Because of this fact we recommend that this matter be referred to the St. Mark's congregation of the Burlington charge.

4. The duty was reported partially attended to. The following action was taken :

Resolved, That pastors be again urged to present the claims of Catawba College to their people and that the president, professors and agent be welcomed into the charges in the interest of the institution.

The hour of 11:30 o'clock having arrived, Classis took a recess until 1:30 o'clock, the morning session closing with the doxology, and the benediction by the President.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The President called the Classis to order at the stated time. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. Clapp. The roll call showed a quorum present.

Consideration of the report on the Minutes of Classis was resumed.

5. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed one year ago to consider the advisability of the Classis of North Carolina assuming support of the *Reformed Church Corinthian* beg leave to report that as the paper is now self-sustaining and doing a good work, we recommend that for the present it be left in the hands of a private editor and proprietor.

J. D. ANDREW,
CLARENCE CLAPP,
M. J. ROWE.

6. The duty was attended to.

7. The following report was received and adopted :

The Commissioner on the re-arrangement of charges in Catawba and Lincoln counties beg leave to report : That after extensive advertising, a convention of members of all the Consistories met in Newton last June ; the question of re-arrangement was fully discussed in committee and in the convention ; many generous propositions were made for the relief of the Catawba charge, and a number of generous donations were offered on conditions ; but no conclusion was reached and the charge was dismissed with no relief afforded. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP, Commissioner.

8. The following report was received and adopted :

The Board of Education begs leave to report that during the past year four young men studying for the ministry and students at Catawba College have been under its care and received aid, viz : W. H. Causey, Chas. W. Warlick, S. W. Beck and C. T. Loftin. Each was promised aid to the extent of \$50. Since being received under the care of the Board, however, Mr. C. T. Loftin has married, by which act he forfeited his right to aid, and is not regarded a student under the care of the Board. The other three young men are applying themselves diligently to their studies and give promise to make useful men.

Respectfully,

J. L. MURPHY,
J. C. CLAPP,
S. T. WILFONG,
J. M. L. LYERLY.

The Board of Education for this year consists of Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly and Elders S. T. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe.

9. The conditions were complied with and the money paid. The following report was also received and adopted:

As missionary to whom the interests of the Reformed Church in and around Lenoir were committed for the past year I beg leave to report: Services conducted by members of the faculty of Catawba College and chiefly by Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., have been held once a month in a chapel about one and a half miles south of the town of Lenoir. On Sunday, May 8th, a congregation of eight members was organized. This congregation will ask to be received by your body this meeting of Classis.

Respectfully,

J. L. MURPHY.

10. Conditions were complied with and a proportionate part of the money paid.

11. The conditions were not complied with and the money not called for.

12. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to dispose of the Stoner's Church property in Alamance County beg leave to report that they learned incidentally that there is no deed for the land on which the church stands and that the few members of the disbanded congregation are opposed to selling the tract on which the old church stood.

B. F. LOW,
W. A. WELKER.

The committee was continued under the instructions given last year, with Rev. J. D. Andrew added as chairman.

13. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee reports that the duty imposed was performed on the first Sabbath of June, 1897.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,
CLARENCE CLAPP,
J. D. ANDREW.

14. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to install Rev. W. H. McNairy pastor of the East Rowan charge beg leave to report that the duty was attended to on the first Sunday in July, 1897, all the members being present.

PAUL BARRINGER,
A. SHULENBERGER,
W. H. STUBBLEBINE.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The committee on Overtures made the following report :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina :

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report that the following papers came into their hands for your action :

1. A call from the Newton congregation to Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D., and Dr. Long's acceptance of the call.
2. A call from the Lower Davidson charge to Rev. L. M. Kerschner.
3. A joint request from Rev. B. F. Davis and the Concord charge for a dissolution of pastoral relation.
4. A communication from Rev. J. H. Shuford, asking to be excused for absence.
5. A letter from Rev. J. W. Cecil.
6. A communication from M. A. Foil, Secretary St. James' congregation, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
7. A letter from the newly organized congregation near Lenoir.
8. A notification from Superintendent Whitmer of the enrollment of Burlington as a mission.
9. A communication from Rev. R. W. Miller in reference to Sunday School work.
10. A letter from the Publishing Committee of the *Reformed Church Tidings*.
11. A communication from Rev. Dr. S. N. Callender, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, in reference to foreign missions.
12. A letter from Rev. S. S. Miller in reference to the society for the relief of ministers and their widows and the Daniel Stein Memorial Home at Myerstown, Pa., as also a booklet concerning the same.

13. A petition from Catawba charge for aid.
14. A petition from Rev. W. H. Stubblebine in reference to Salisbury mission.
15. A request from Lower Davidson charge for supplemental salary to the amount of \$100 for the present year.
16. A request from Mt. Bethel mission to Classis to do the best for the mission possible.
17. A call from Catawba charge to Rev. C. H. Riedesel.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. KERSCHNER,
J. P. LONG.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. The call being found in order was confirmed and the following committee was appointed to install Rev. Dr. W. A. Long, pastor of Grace Reformed Church of Newton: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. L. Murphy and T. C. Hesson.

2. The call being found in order was confirmed and the following committee was appointed to install Rev. L. M. Kerschner, pastor of the Lower Davidson charge: Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and C. Clapp.

3. The request was granted and the charge declared vacant.

4. Rev. J. H. Shuford was excused for absence.

5. Rev. J. W. Cecil was excused for absence.

6. Action on the request was deferred until the Treasurer of Classis reports.

7. The congregation near Lenoir was received and placed under the care of Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D. The request for aid was referred to the following special committee: Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, J. L. Murphy and J. C. Clapp, D. D.

8. Adopted with the thanks of the Classis.

9. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools and Sunday School Work.

10. Referred to the same committee.

II. The item was adopted, and the letter incorporated in the minutes of Classis as follows:

To the Classis of North Carolina:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN :—In accordance with its custom, the Board of Foreign Missions takes pleasure in tendering to your Reverend Body its annual Christian greetings.

During the past year, in the fulfillment of the trust confided to it by our Reformed Church, the Board has not realized any special experience differing from the years preceding. The work has been moving steadily forward, with much to encourage, though not without its difficulties and hindrances. Each succeeding year seems to make more manifest the unhealthy character of the amazing progress which marked the early years of Christian missions in Japan. It was a hot-bed growth, forced by political and worldly stimulants, conditioned by mistaken and false expectations. That a reaction should take place was only what was to be expected. Several years ago such a reaction did take place, which has not yet exhausted its power. The effect of this reaction was two-fold. It first caused the defection of not a few who had professed Christianity, mistaking its true spiritual character; secondly, it proved to be a sifting process by which the wheat was separated from the tares, so that the loss in numbers was attended with an increase of actual strength and spiritual vigor. But what is a singular fact, the church in Japan to-day is no weaker, despite the losses, in numerical strength. The aggressive power of our holy religion was effective in gathering new converts as rapidly as spurious ones fell away.

The consequent outlook is more favorable and promising now, with the spirit of Christianity more fully and clearly appreciated, than at any previous time. With the gradual discovery of the true spiritual character of Christianity, and its increasingly manifest fruits in the lives and conduct of its true disciples, there has been a marked revival of interest and spirit of inquiry on the part of the people at large. The preached gospel is now commanding a largely increased attention. The demand for evangelists and preachers exceeds the ability of the Missions to supply it. Congregations are large and attentive, and preachers and teachers are heartily welcomed wherever they go. This increased demand for preaching is keenly felt by our own Mission, and it finds itself unable to meet all the calls. We need more preachers and evangelists.

Our two schools are going prosperously forward. The Girls' School continues full. During the year Miss Rohrbaugh has been added to the teaching force. Miss Hollowell will return to this country, on furlough, the coming fall. There is a small decrease in the number of students in the Tohoku Gakuin, caused by the sharp competition of the government schools, but not in the number of those who are candidates for the ministry. The number, about 50 all told, continues about the same. The

raising up of a native ministry being the primary aim of the school, so long as this end is attained, the number of secular students is a matter of second-rate importance.

We are sorry to have to say that during the year two of our missionaries, Revs. Dr. Moore and Hoy, have been sorely afflicted, Dr. Moore with rheumatism and nervous prostration, and Bro. Hoy with his old ailment, the asthma. Both for awhile were disabled for work. We rejoice, however, in being able to say that both are much improved and are on a fair way for recovery. Rev. D. B. Schneder and family have returned to Japan, sailing from Vancouver April 18th, and will be due at Yokohama about two weeks thereafter.

Touching the matter of a new mission in China as directed by the General Synod, the Board has not been unmindful, and would gladly have planted one had it been in its power. But the Church failing thus far to furnish the necessary means, it is powerless to act. We therefore, with a deep conviction of the solemnity of the challenge, submit to the several Classes the following action taken by the Board at its late annual meeting:

"In obedience to the command of Christ, and according to the direction of the General Synod, the Board of Foreign Missions feels constrained that the time has come for the opening of a new mission in China, or some other foreign country, and that we hereby instruct the Secretary to challenge the Church through the Classes to take prompt action, whether they are willing to assume the additional expense of its support, and report the same to him as soon as possible after the annual meetings of the several Classes."

The finances of the Board have been embarrassed by the heavy loss sustained by the robbery of our treasury in Sendai several years ago of 7,000 Yen. It was hoped that it would be able to meet the loss without asking the Church for a special contribution by applying to it the proceeds of the Jesse Oberly legacy. But such has been the shortage in its receipts for the last year that it was found that it would require that legacy to meet the deficiency of income for current expenses. It is therefore without resources to cover that loss.

We deem it sufficient to apprise the several Classes of this sore deficiency to induce such action as will relieve the necessities of the Board. It would therefore most respectfully and urgently request the prompt and effective action of all our Classes.

Your brother in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

MECHANICSBURG, PA., April 4, 1898.

12. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. T. C. Hesson, P. M. Trexler, D. D., and Elder S. T. Wilfong.

13. Referred to the special committee created under item 7 of this report.

14. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elder H. O. Deal.

15. Referred to the committee created under item 7 of this report.

16. Referred to the same committee.

17. The call being found in order was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to install Rev. C. H. Riedesel, pastor of the Catawba charge: Revs. W. A. Long, Ph. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., and J. L. Murphy.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The committee on Religious Services made the following report:

To the Classis of North Carolina: Your committee on Religious Services begs leave to report the following appointments for services:

Thursday, 2 o'clock P. M.—Opening sermon, Rev. J. L. Murphy.

Thursday, 7:30 P. M.—Leader, Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser. Opening Services—Rev. A. Shulenberger.

1. Address—Rev. Clarence Clapp. Missions—The Success and Failures of—Why?

2. Address—Rev. T. C. Hesson. Prayer-meetings—How to conduct them.

3. Address—Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly. Church Work in North Carolina—Wants and Plans—What?

Friday, 7:30 P. M.—Services conducted by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Classis of North Carolina.

Saturday, 2 P. M.—Preparatory Services Sermon—Rev. L. M. Kerschner; assisted by Revs. T. C. Hesson and C. H. Riedesel.

Saturday, 7:30 P. M.—Leader, Rev. Paul Barringer. Opening Services—Rev. W. H. McNairy.

1. Address—Rev. W. H. Stubblebine. Sunday Schools—The Importance of—Who, How, Why Conduct Them?

2. Address—Rev. J. D. Andrew. Our Young People—How to Deal With Them.

3. Address—Rev. J. C. Leonard. Catawba College—The Future of—The Outlook—What?

Sunday, 9:30 A. M.—Sunday School Services.

Addresses—Revs. W. H. McNairy, W. H. Stubblebine and C. H. Riedesel.

Sunday 11 a. m., Communion services.

Sermon—Rev. J. C. Leonard, assisted by Revs. J. D. Andrew and H. A. M. Holshouser.

Sermon in M. E. Church—Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.

Sermon in the Baptist Church—Rev. T. C. Hesson.

Sunday, 3 p. m., Y. M. C. A. meeting.

1. Address—Saul persecuting the church—Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.

2. Address—Saul convicted and converted becomes Paul—Rev. J. D. Andrew.

3. Address—Paul set apart by the Holy Ghost preaches Christ—Rev. W. H. Stubblebine.

4. Address—Paul's farewell vision—Rev. J. C. Leonard.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. LONG,

J. C. CLAPP,

M. L. MCCORKLE.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac made the following report:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Potomac Synod report as follows:

1. Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly was present from the Classis of North Carolina.

2. North Carolina Classis fails to give exact copy of call for a special meeting.

3. North Carolina Classis is directed to pay its Home Mission funds into the treasury of the Bi-Synodic Board of Missions.

4. All the Classes were requested to assume and pay their full apportionments hereafter.

5. Resolutions, commending Catawba College and the enlargement of our work in the South to the sympathy, patronage and support of our pastors and people.

6. Synod nominates for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, to be elected by the Classis of North Carolina, L. R. Whitener, J. F. Smyre, P. W. Whitener, M. J. Rowe, W. E. Deal and W. A. Pence.

7. Resolutions of Synod requesting all its Classes to insist on the full and prompt payment of the apportionments for Home Missions, etc.

8. Resolutions of Synod commending the *Woman's Journal*, *Reformed Church Tidings*, *Messenger* and *Reformed Church Review*, to the patronage of Pastors and Laity of the Church.

9. Classes of Synod are requested to call the attention of the Pastors and Charges to the importance of the Schlatter Memorial Building Fund.

10. Resolution of Synod requesting each Classis to assume and pay

the whole amount apportioned upon it for Foreign Missions and commending anew the cause of Foreign Missions to the sympathies, prayers and support of all our Classes and congregations.

11. Synod apportions the following amounts of money :

(a) Home Missions, \$500; (b) Foreign Missions, \$400; (c) Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$60; (d) Beneficiary Education, \$300; (e) Theological Seminary, \$40; (f) Calvin College, \$25; (g) Catawba College, \$98; (h) Contingent Fund of Synod, \$35; (i) Contingent Fund of General Synod, \$25.

12. Resolution of Synod urging all its people to support the missionary and publication work of the Sunday School Board.

13. Resolution of Synod asking pastors and consistories through the Classes to exercise a careful oversight over the records of the schools, and so far as possible, present complete and accurate statistics to the Classes.

14. Resolution of Synod requesting the Classes, congregations and schools, to give all the offerings of Children's Day to Sunday School Missions.

15. Resolution urging our Sunday schools to use the literature of our Church.

16. Resolution of Synod commanding all the publications and interests of the Board to the generous patronage of the entire membership of the Reformed Church.

17. Resolution of Synod calling the special attention of the several Classes to the claims of the society for the relief of ministers and their widows of the Reformed Church in the United States.

18. Resolution of Synod requesting the several pastoral charges to discourage Sunday funerals, etc., and directing the Classes to send these resolutions down to each pastoral charge.

19. The Synod of the Potomac will meet in the Reformed Church of Woodstock, Shenandoah County, Va., Tuesday, October 25th, A. D., 1898, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

J. M. L. LYERLY,

P. M. TREXLER,

S. T. WILFONG.

The report was taken up by items and disposed of as follows :

1. Adopted. The delegate was granted \$25 to defray his expenses.

2. Adopted.

3. Referred to the committee created under item 7 of the report on Overtures.

4. Laid on the table until Synod's apportionments are reported.

5. Adopted.

6. Adopted, and the nominees were elected.

7. Action under item 4.

8. Adopted.

9. Adopted.

10. Action under item 4.

11. (a) Referred to the committee created under item 7 of the report on Overtures. (b) Referred to the same committee. (c) *Resolved*, That we ask Synod to excuse us from the payment of the apportionment for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions. (d) Classis assumed \$100 and referred the amount to the Committee on Finance for apportionment. (e) *Resolved*, That Synod be asked to excuse us from the payment of the amounts apportioned for Theological Seminary and Calvin College. (g) (h) and (i) The amounts were assumed and referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

12. Adopted.

13. Adopted.

14. *Resolved*, that we commend the work of the Sunday School Board to the favorable consideration of our pastors and people.

15. Adopted.

16. Adopted.

17. Referred to the special committee on the Memorial Home.

18. Adopted, and the resolutions incorporated in the minutes of Classis as follows, with instructions to pastors to read the resolutions from their pulpits:

WHEREAS, The proper observance of the Lord's Day lies at the foundation of all civil and religious liberty, and conserves the best interests of all men, regardless of position or condition; and,

WHEREAS, We are pained at the growing disregard of the sanctity of the day within our territory, as is apparent from the open and public invitations to engage in its desecration; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby challenge all Christian people to unite with us in the effort to create a better public sentiment on this subject, and by all legitimate means to discourage and prevent the desecration of the Lord's Day.

Resolved, That we request the members of our several pastoral charges, and all others who may be reached through their influence, to discourage Sunday funerals, and all demonstrations that in effect disturb the quiet of the community and the sanctity of the Lord's Day.

Resolved, further, That the Classes are hereby directed to send these resolutions down to each pastoral charge, requesting each pastor to read them to his congregations, accompanying them with a sermon or such remarks as will make them most effective.

19 Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

It was decided that when the Classis adjourned this evening it be to meet at 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and continue in session until 12 o'clock noon. Elders A. Crofts and J. D. McCombs were excused from further attendance.

The session closed with the doxology and the benediction by the President.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 14TH.

The Classis was called to order at the designated time. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly. The roll call showed a quorum present. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The following resolution on paying certain funds was adopted:

Resolved, That the balance of \$299.60 on the treasurer's books credited to Beneficiary Education and Home Missions be turned to the credit of the contingent fund, and the treasurer ordered to pay out of the said contingent fund \$9.90 still due Heidelberg church of Thomasville, and \$266.67 due St. James Reformed church of Mt. Pleasant and \$10.50 due the Catawba College fund.

The treasurer of Classis, Elder M. J. Rowe, made the following report:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina: I beg leave to make my annual report for the year, May 1897 to May 1898, as follows:

CONTINGENT FUND.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Balance in Treasury May 5th, 1897.....	\$ ———	\$ 6 92
Guilford Charge.....	30 00	30 00
West Rowan Charge.....	19 00	19 00
East Rowan Charge.....	26 00	26 00
Central Rowan Charge.....	10 00	10 00
Hickory Charge.....	21 00	21 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	29 00	29 00
Lower Davidson Charge.....	16 00	16 00
Concord Charge.....	5 00	5 00
Lincoln Charge.....	25 00	25 00
Newton Charge.....	15 00	15 00
Catawba Charge.....	8 00	8 00
Thomasville Charge.....	13 00	13 00
New Gilead Charge.....	18 00	18 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	2 00	2 00
Burlington Mission.....	2 00	2 00
Fairview Mission.....	1 00	1 00
Salisbury Mission.....	1 00	1 00
	<u>\$ 241 00</u>	<u>\$ 247 92</u>

Paid out as follows :

Rev. J. C. Leonard, Stated Clerk, salary and expenses.....	\$ 25 50
Rev. J. C. Leonard, manuscript of minutes.....	5 00
H. A. Forney, treasurer, expenses.....	7 00
B. J. Summerrow, printing minutes.....	39 00
Rev. J. L. Murphy, expenses to Potomac Synod.....	25 00
Rev. J. D. Andrew, expenses to General Synod.....	25 00
Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	42 00
Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	25 00
Rev. J. C. Leonard, expenses to Potomac Synod.....	23 00
S. L. Rhyne, executor, expenses to Potomac Synod.....	24 00
	<u>\$ 240 50</u>
Balance in Treasury.....	7 42

CHURCH BUILDING.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Borrowed.....	\$ ———	\$ 400 00
Guilford Charge.....	40 00	40 00
West Rowan Charge.....	20 00	20 00
East Rowan Charge.....	32 00	32 00
Central Rowan Charge.....	14 00	14 00
Hickory Charge.....	24 00	24 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	40 00	40 00

MINUTES OF CLASSIS, 1898.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Lower Davidson.....	\$ 28 00	\$ 28 00
Concord Charge.....	6 00	6 00
Lincoln Charge.....	29 00	29 00
Newton Charge.....	16 00	16 00
Catawba Charge.....	12 00	12 00
Thomasville Charge.....	14 00	14 00
New Gilead Charge.....	19 00	19 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	3 00	3 00
Burlington Mission.....	2 00	1 75
Fairview Mission.....	1 00	1 00
Salisbury Mission.....	1 00	1 00
	\$ 301 00	\$ 700 75

Paid out as follows:

Rev. W. H. Stubblebine for Salisbury.....	\$ 400 00
Rev. J. D. Andrew for Fairview.....	100 00
	\$ 500 00
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 200 75
Due Treasurer from Burlington Mission.....	25

BENEFICIARY EDUCATION.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Balance in Treasury. May 5th, 1897.....	\$ ———	\$ 58 39
Guilford Charge.....	20 00	20 00
West Rowan Charge.....	12 00	12 00
East Rowan Charge.....	15 00	15 00
Central Rowan Charge.....	8 00	8 00
Hickory Charge.....	15 00	15 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	17 00	17 00
Lower Davidson Charge.....	10 00	6 68
Concord Charge.....	4 00	4 00
Lincoln Charge.....	16 00	16 00
Newton Charge.....	8 00	8 00
Catawba Charge.....	5 00	0 00
Thomasville Charge.....	8 00	1 40
New Gilead Charge.....	9 00	9 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1 00	1 00
Burlington Mission.....	1 00	0 00
Fairview Mission.....	1 00	1 00
Salisbury Mission.....	1 00	1 00
	\$ 151 00	\$ 193 47

Paid out as follows :

Chas. W. Warlick,.....	\$ 50 00
S. W. Beck,.....	50 00
C. T. Loftin,.....	17 86
W. H. Causey.....	55 00
	<u>\$ 172 89</u>
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 20 50
Balance Due Treasurer :	
Catawba Charge.....	\$ 5 00
Thomasville Charge.....	6 30
Lower Davidson Charge.....	3 32
Burlington Mission..	1 00
	<u>\$ 15 92</u>

HOME MISSIONS.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Balance in Treasury, May 5th, 1897.....	\$ ———	\$ 123 81
Amount refunded by Rev. W. H. McNairy.....	———	16 67
Guilford Charge.....	53 00	53 00
West Rowan Charge.....	26 00	26 00
East Rowan Charge.....	42 00	42 00
Central Rowan Charge.....	18 00	18 00
Hickory Charge.....	32 00	32 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	53 00	53 00
Lower Davidson Charge	43 00	
Concord Charge.....	8 00	8 00
Lincoln Charge.....	38 00	38 00
Newton Charge.....	21 00	21 00
Catawba Charge.....	16 00	00 00
Thomasville Charge.....	18 00	18 00
New Gilead Charge.....	25 00	25 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	4 00	4 00
Burlington Mission.....	2 00	0 00
Fairview Mission.....	1 00	1 00
Salisbury Mission.....	2 00	2 00
East Rowan Charge for 1896-97.....		6 00
Donation of W. C. M. S.		4 00
Newton Sunday School.....		9 55
Lincoln Charge, Maiden Congregation (special).....		18 50
Lincoln Charge, Maiden Sunday school.....		6 00
Trinity Sunday School, Concord.....		3 56
Trinity Congregation, Concord.....		8 50
Willing Helpers, Newton.....		7 65
Corinth Congregation, Hickory.....		14 13
Guilford Charge (special).....		1 90
	<u>\$ 402 00</u>	<u>\$ 561 27</u>

Paid out as follows:

Sunday School Board.....	\$ 9 55
Treasurer Board of Home Missions.....	164 98
St. Paul's Orphan Home.....	3 56
Rev. A. C. Whitmer for Home Missions.....	8 50
Rev. W. H. Stubblebine for Salisbury Mission.....	2 00
Rev. J. L. Murphy, for Mt. Bethel Mission.....	30 00
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Rev. L. M. Kerschner, for Lower Davidson Charge.....	41 66
Rev. J. L. Murphy, for Lenoir Mission.....	20 00
	\$ 282 25
Balance in Treasury.....	279 02
Balance due Treasurer:	
Lower Davidson Charge.....	\$ 43 00
Catawba Charge.....	16 00
Burlington Mission.....	2 00
	\$ 61 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

	PAID.
Balance in Treasury, May 5th, 1897.....	\$ 20 65
Upper Davidson Charge.....	22 16
East Rowan Charge, Bethel Congregation.....	65 00
East Rowan Charge, Grace Congregation.....	33 50
Willing Helpers, Newton.....	3 95
Sunday School, Newton.....	6 23
Hickory Charge, Corinth Congregation.....	20 00
Hickory Charge, Bethel Congregation.....	5 00
Thomasville Charge, Heidelberg Congregation.....	3 40
Guilford Charge.....	1 00
Lincoln Charge, Maiden congregation.....	17 29
	\$ 198 18

Paid out as follows:

J. L. Lensberger, Treasurer Board of Foreign Missions.....	164 39
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 33 79

CATAWBA COLLEGE.

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Guilford Charge.....	\$ 11 50	\$ 11 50
West Rowan Charge.....	8 00	8 00
East Rowan charge.....	11 00	11 00
Central Rowan Charge.....	5 00	5 00
Hickory Charge.....	10 00	10 00

	ASSESSED.	PAID.
Upper Davidson Charge.....	\$ 11 50	\$ 11 50
Lower Davidson Charge.....	5 00	
Concord Charge.....	2 50	2 50
Lincoln Charge.....	11 00	11 00
Newton Charge.....	6 00	6 00
Catawba Charge.....	3 00	3 00
Thomasville Charge.....	5 00	
New Gilead Charge.....	6 00	6 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1 00	1 00
Burlington Mission.....	50	
Fairview Mission.....	50	50
Salisbury Mission.....	50	50
	\$ 98 00	\$ 87 50

Paid out as follows :

Dr. J. A. Foil, Treasurer for Catawba College.....	\$ 86 50
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 1 00
Balance Due Treasurer:	
Lower Davidson Charge.....	\$ 5 00
Thomasville Charge.....	5 00
Burlington Mission.....	50
	\$ 10 50

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. ROWE, Treasurer.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance to audit.

The following resolutions on the election of delegates to the Synod of the Potomac were adopted :

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina this year elect its full delegation to the Synod of the Potomac, viz., eight ministers and eight elders, with the understanding that only the expenses of the two ministers and two elders standing first on the list will be paid in part.

Resolved, That this election be held by ballot, the roll of Classis being the nominees.

Resolved, That we now proceed to the election.

In the election of ministers, Elders S. T. Wilfong and A. G. Bost acted as tellers; and in the election of elders, Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly and J. D. Andrew were the tellers. The result of the election follows:

Primarii: Ministers.—J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, P. Barringer, J. D. Andrew, H. A. M. Holshouser, W. A. Long, Ph. D., W. H. Stubblebine and W. H. McNairy. Elders—L. J. Foil, S. T. Wilfong, D. A. Long, B. F. Low, M. L. McCorkle, J. P. Long, J. C. Warlick and A. G. Bost.

Secundi: Ministers.—J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., T. C. Hesson, C. Clapp, P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly, L. M. Kerschner and A. Shulenberger. Elders.—D. E. Clapp, H. O. Deal, M. L. Klutz, James Propst, J. D. McCombs, A. Crotts, Jacob Klutz and J. P. Rabb.

Rev. John Ingle was excused from further attendance.

Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Crescent, N. C., was elected a trustee of Catawba College to fill out the unexpired time of Col. H. A. Forney, deceased.

The Committee on Nominations made the following report :

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to present the name of M. J. Rowe, Newton, N. C., as Treasurer of Classis for the ensuing year.

A. SHULENBERGER,
W. H. MCNAIRY,
B. F. LOW.

The report was adopted.

The following amounts were referred to the Committee on Finance for Apportionment: Stated Clerk's salary and expenses, \$25; \$200 for Church Building; \$45 for Printing the Minutes of Classis; \$10 for the Salary of the Treasurer.

Elders B. F. Low and L. J. Foil were excused from further attendance.

The Committee on Missions to whom were referred several items, made the following report :

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to report as follows:

1. In view of the action of Potomac Synod at its last annual meeting whereby the Classis of North Carolina was especially urged to assume and raise its apportionments for missions, we recommend that Classis assume \$300 for Home Missions and \$200 for Foreign Missions.

2. Blowing Rock be placed under the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy and Dr. W. A. Long with an apportionment of \$30.00 provided the Mission raise \$50.00 and that \$20.00 be appropriated to the Lenoir Mission

3. In view of the encouraging report of the progress made by the Lower Davidson Charge, we commend for their encouragement, that sustentation to the amount of \$100 be given them providing that they relieve Classis from any further obligations.

4 We also recommend that Catawba Charge be granted sustentation to the amount of \$100 for the ensuing Classical year.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE.

J. L. MURPHY,

J. C. CLAPP.

The report was considered by items, and each item was adopted, and the report was finally adopted as a whole.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the session closed with the doxology, and the benediction by the President.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 16TH.

The President called the Classis to order at the regular time. The devotional services, conducted by Rev. L. M. Kerschner. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The Committee on Salisbury Mission made their report, which as amended and finally adopted, follows :

Resolved, That in view of the pressing need of completing the Reformed Church in Salisbury, we as a Classis, respectfully overture the Board of Missions to loan this Mission \$1,200 for five years at 2 per cent., securing itself by a mortgage on the property.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

H. O. DEAL.

The Committee on the Memorial Home, located at Myers-town, Pa., reported as follows :

Your Committee to consider the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, beg to report that the communication from Rev. S. S. Miller has been examined and that we recommend that this charitable institution be commended to the favorable consideration of pastors and people.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HESSON,

P. M. TREXLER,

S. T. WILFONG.

The following resolutions of sympathy were passed:

WHEREAS, It is learned that Rev. Thomas Long, an aged and faithful minister of our Classis is greatly afflicted,

Resolved, That this Classis hereby express sincere sympathy for Father Long in his affliction, and remember him in our prayers.

Resolved, That Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser be directed to convey this action in person to Father Long.

The Committee on Finance made the following report :

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they examined the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with the same, and find it correct, and we recommend its adoption.

Your Committee further report the following appointments for objects of benevolence referred to us by Classis :

	Contingent Fund.	Church Building.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Catawba College.	Sustentation Fund.
Guilford Charge.....	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$25.00
Burlington Charge.....	7.00	7.15	3.60	10.80	7.15	3.60	9.00
Hickory Charge.....	14.00	18.00	9.00	27.00	18.00	9.00	22.50
Central Rowan.....	8.00	9.75	4.90	14.70	9.75	4.90	12.25
West Rowan Charge.....	12.50	16.00	8.00	24.00	16.00	8.00	20.00
East Rowan Charge.....	18.00	20.00	10.00	32.00	21.00	10.00	27.47
Lincoln Charge.....	15.00	20.05	10.00	30.00	20.05	9.50	25.00
Thomasville Charge.....	6.50	6.50	3.25	9.50	6.50	3.25	8.00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	20.00	24.00	12.00	34.00	23.00	10.50	27.50
Lower Davidson Charge.....	14.15	16.00	8.00	24.00	16.00	8.00	20.00
Catawba Charge.....	6.00	7.00	3.50	10.25	7.00	3.50	8.75
Newton Charge.....	10.00	13.30	6.60	19.80	13.30	6.60	16.50
New Gilead Charge.....	10.75	15.00	7.50	22.50	15.00	7.00	18.75
Concord Charge.....	3.00	4.50	2.25	6.75	4.50	2.25	5.65
Salisbury Mission.....	.80	1.00	.50	1.50	1.00	.50	1.25
Lenoir Mission.....	.50	.75	.40	1.20	.75	.40	1.00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1.50	2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	2.50
	\$165.50	\$201.00	\$100.50	\$301.00	\$201.00	\$98.00	\$251.00

The several apportionments are to be paid as follows : Contingent Fund, at the beginning of the classical year ; Church Building, in June ; Beneficiary Education, in August ; Home Missions, in October ; Foreign Missions, in December ; Catawba College, in February ; Sustentation Fund, in April.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,

D. A. LONG,

J. C. WARLICK.

The report was adopted.

It was now determined to select the time and place for the next annual meeting. Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, N. C., was chosen as the place, and Thursday before the second

Sunday in May, A. D., 1899, at 8 o'clock p. m., as the time.

The trustees of Catawba College made the following report:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina: The undersigned president of the Trustees of Catawba College begs leave to report that during the collegiate year 1897-'98, there has been an attendance of 171 students; that the morality of the students has been very good with very few exceptions. We have every reason to be encouraged at the progress of this school, and desire the continuance of the fostering care of the Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. MCCORKLE, President.

The report was adopted.

The hour of 11:30 having arrived, the Classis took a recess, the session closing with the doxology, and benediction by the President.

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

The Classis was called to order at the regular time. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Andrew. The roll call showed a quorum present.

The following action was taken on the death of Col. H. A. Forney:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, in His All-wise Providence to call from this stage of worldly activity to a higher and nobler existence in the Kingdom of God on high, Col. H. A. Forney; and

WHEREAS, The Church fully realizes the loss it has sustained in his decease; therefore

Resolved, That this Classis put on record its appreciation of the service he rendered to the Classis as its treasurer, and that we mourn the loss of a devoted and faithful member, and further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his bereaved family, commending them in their irreparable loss to Him whose watchful care is always over his children.

The Committee on Religion and Statistics made the following report:

Your Committee on Religion and Statistics beg leave to report:

From reports placed in our hands we learn that the Word has been faithfully and earnestly preached, the sacraments regularly administered and members properly introduced into the church, and that there has been an increased activity along the different lines of church work.

The organization of a Woman's Classical Missionary Society one year

ago seems to have developed a power heretofore hidden in our Classis, and one which promises to do much for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom.

The extension of our beloved Church in our fair Southland has been the earnest desire of our Classis during the past year, and forward has been the watchword. One congregation organized in a county where no Reformed congregations have existed and at the county seat of that county is encouraging evidence that progress is being made in Church Extension.

Benevolent monies have been contributed more cheerfully, and the Pastors' salaries have been fully paid.

From the reports we are unable to learn much of the inner spiritual life of our membership. The reports say little about family religion, the family altar and the home study of the Bible. In our zeal to build Churches and extend our Church in different directions, it must not be forgotten that the great work is to build up Christian life and character.

While no one of our Ministers has been called from earth to the reward above, we mourn the loss of some faithful members, notably H. A. Forney, an Elder in Newton congregation and for many years Treasurer of the Classis.

Believing that the past year has been one of progress, and recognizing the directing power of the great Head of the Church, we respectfully submit this report.

J. L. MURPHY,
J. D. ANDREW,
D. E. CLAPP.

The report was adopted. For the statistics see the Appendix.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools and Sunday School Work, beg leave to report that they are gratified with the healthy condition of the Sunday Schools of the Classis. The reports show that a good year's work has been done. The *Reformed Church Lesson Helps* are being more widely used. It is to be noted with regret that so many parents and church members are still outside of the Sunday School. Your committee would recommend that pastors and church officers be urged to use renewed efforts to secure the attendance and co-operation of all church members in the Sunday School work. Our reformed Church literature is favorably commended for circulation among the schools, and special attention is called to the low club rates of the *Reformed Church Tidings*, our missionary paper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,
J. L. MURPHY,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

The report was adopted. In connection with this report the Sunday school statistics were also read; following is the summary:

Officers and teachers, 338; scholars, 2,779; total, 3,145; average attendance, 1,665; number of months school is open, 11; Reformed membership in union schools, 450; scholars in full membership of the church, 773; baptized scholars, 846; scholars received into full membership of the church during the year, 83; schools using the catechism, 22; schools using the Reformed lesson helps, 22; Sunday school papers taken, 273; books in the library, 420; money contributed for benevolence, \$40; for support of the school, \$401.

The Committee on Examination and Licensure begs leave to report that no one has applied.

Respectfully submitted,
P. M. TREXLER.

The report was adopted.

The committee on reporting for the press made the following report:

Your committee appointed to report the proceedings of Classis to different papers beg leave to report the duty performed.

J. L. MURPHY,
W. H. STUBBLEBINE.

The report was adopted.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

Resolved, That the sincere gratitude of Classis is extended to the people and pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Newton, for the royal hospitality enjoyed by our members, and that we pray the blessing of God upon them in their devotion to His cause.

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the courtesy of the Southern and the Carolina and Northwestern Railroads in giving reduced rates on their several lines.

Judge M. L. McCorkle, the oldest member of the Classis, and the worthy and honored representative of the Church in which the Classis met, was invited to address the Classis in connection with the closing services.

All business of the Classis having now been disposed of, the minutes of the day's session were read and adopted. The roll was called and all members not previously excused answered to their names. Judge M. L. McCorkle made an

inspiring address to the Classis. A hymn was sung; the members joined in the Apostle's Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the doxology. The benediction was pronounced and the President declared the Classis adjourned.

PAUL BARRINGER, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., July 15th, 1897, at 2 o'clock P. M. on the following call of the President: You are notified that there will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, July 15th, at 2 o'clock to attend to the following items of business:

1. To receive Licentiate T. C. Hesson from Gettysburg Classis.

2. To confirm a call to Licentiate T. C. Hesson from the Lincoln charge.

3. To arrange for the ordination and installation of Licentiate Hesson.

Devotional services were conducted by the President. Rev. A. H. Smith was appointed clerk *pro tem*. The roll call showed the presence of the following members: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. L. Murphy and A. H. Smith; Elders M. J. Rowe and H. D. Warlick. Elders A. D. Shuford and M. L. McCorkle were invited to seats as advisory members.

The items of business were disposed of as follows:

1. A certificate dismissing Licentiate Theodore C. Hesson from the Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac, to the Classis of North Carolina, was placed in the hands of Classis, and the said licentiate was received and his name enrolled as a member of Classis.

2. The call being found in order, was confirmed.

3. The following committee was appointed to ordain and install Mr. Hesson pastor of the Lincoln charge: Revs. A. H. Smith, J. A. Foil and J. L. Murphy.

Classis adjourned with the Doxology and Benediction.

J. L. MURPHY, President.

A. H. SMITH, Stated Clerk, *pro tem*.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Thursday, August 26th, 1897, at 2 o'clock, p. m., according to call.

It being found that a quorum was lacking, Classis adjourned to meet Aug. 28th, 1897, at 4 o'clock p. m., at the same place. On this latter date the Classis met at the stated hour. Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., was chosen President *pro tem*, and Rev. A. H. Smith was appointed Stated Clerk *pro tem*. The Classis was constituted with singing, scripture reading and prayer. The roll call showed the following members to be present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., and A. H. Smith; Elders M. J. Rowe and N. I. Rowe.

The call of the President was read, which is as follows:

HICKORY, N. C., August 3rd, 1897.

DEAR BRO: You are notified that a special meeting of Classis will be held in Newton, August 26th, at 2:30, to transact the following business:

1. To receive report of the committee appointed to ordain and install Licentiate T. C. Hesson.

2. To receive report of Rev. A. H. Smith relating to organization at Witherspoon School House.

3. To dissolve pastoral relation between Rev. A. H. Smith and the Newton charge.

4. To dismiss Rev. A. H. Smith to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod. Notify your elder.

J. L. MURPHY,

President of the Classis of North Carolina.

The items were disposed of as follows:

1. The following report was received and adopted:

Owing to my resignation as pastor of the Newton charge I considered

it unwise to organize a congregation at Witherspoon School House. Under the providence of God and with regular service, it would, in our opinion, be wise to organize immediately. Our people have a desirable lot consisting of one acre fronting on the public road and have assurance of the assistance of the community to build a church. A. H. SMITH.

2. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to ordain and install Licentiate Theodore C. Hesson, pastor of Lincoln charge, beg leave to report that the duty was attended to on the third Sunday in July.

A. H. SMITH,

J. A. FOIL.

3. The joint petition of Rev. A. H. Smith and the Consistory of Newton charge asking the dissolution of the pastoral relation was granted.

4. Rev. A. H. Smith's request to be dismissed to Allegheny Classis, Pittsburg Synod, was granted and the officers of Classis were instructed to furnish the proper credentials.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp.

J. C. CLAPP, President, *pro tem.*

A. H. SMITH, Stated Clerk, *pro tem.*

SPECIAL MEETING.

In response to a call of the President, issued Aug. 23rd, 1897, the Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, Sept. 14th, 1897, at 2 o'clock P. M. to consider the following items of business :

1. To receive report of committee relative to the reconstruction of the Guilford Charge and Burlington and Whitsett Missions.

2. If reconstruction is recommended to consummate same.

Devotional services were conducted by the President. Rev. T. C. Hesson was appointed Clerk *pro tem.* The following members were found to be present :

Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. D. Andrew, P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. L. Murphy and T. C. Hesson ; Elders N. I. Rowe, M. J. Rowe and H. D. Warlick.

A communication from the Consistory of the Brick Church of the Guilford charge was received.

The report of Rev. J. C. Leonard, the Committee on Reconstruction, was received, considered item by item, slightly amended and adopted as follows:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:—Your committee of one appointed to confer with the Guilford Charge and Burlington and Whitsett Missions relative to such a reconstruction as would make two charges, beg leave to submit the following report:

A general convention of the consistories and congregations concerned was held in Brick Church, July 14th, when all matters pertaining to the same were fully and carefully considered. A subsequent visit to the St. Mark's congregation and the two missions, as well as a careful consideration of the necessities of the case, together with the facts brought out in the convention, prompt me to make the following recommendations:

1. That the St. Mark's congregation be detached from the Guilford Charge from and after December 31st, 1897.

2. That the congregations at Burlington, Whitsett and St. Mark's constitute a change from and after December 31st, 1897, under the name of the Burlington Charge.

3. That the consistory of the Burlington Charge be authorized to organize a joint consistory at their convenience so as to arrange for a pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

Aug. 20th, 1897.

The minutes of the session were read and approved and the Classis adjourned with the doxology and benediction.

J. L. MURPHY, President.

THEO. C. HESSON, Stated Clerk, *pro tem.*

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Dec. 30th, 1897, at 2 o'clock P. M., in obedience to the following call of the President:

DECEMBER 13TH, 1897.

Dear Bro.:—A special meeting of Classis will be held in Newton on December 30th, 1897, at 2 o'clock to transact the following business: 1. To receive Rev. Charles H. Riedesel from Ursinus Classis, Synod of the Northwest. 2. To confirm a call to Rev. C. H. Riedesel from Catawba

charge and arrange for his installation. 3. To receive Rev. L. M. Kerschner from East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod. 4. To confirm a call to Rev. L. M. Kerschner from Lower Davidson charge and provide for his installation. Notify your Elder.

J. L. MURPHY,
President of the Classis of North Carolina.

The Classis was opened with the usual devotional services. Rev. P. M. Trexler was appointed clerk *pro tem*. The roll call showed the presence of Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. A. Foil, P. M. Trexler and T. C. Hesson; Elders M. J. Rowe and N. I. Rowe.

1. A certificate dismissing Rev. Charles H. Riedesel from Ursinus Classis, Synod of the Northwest, was read, and Rev. Riedesel was received as a member of this Classis, and his name placed on the roll of ministers.

3. The call from Catawba charge for the pastoral services of Rev. C. H. Riedesel was referred back to the congregation of the charge for an election.

3. A certificate dismissing Rev. Lewis M. Kerschner from East Pennsylvania Classis, Eastern Synod, was read, and Rev. Kerschner was received as a member of this Classis and his name placed on the roll of ministers.

4. The call from the Lower Davidson charge to Rev. L. M. Kerschner was referred back with instructions to strike out from the call the aid given by the Classis of North Carolina as the aid is given by Classis for one year only, the year ending with the classical year. This aid is for the whole year, or a part of aid for a corresponding part of year, etc.

The minutes of the session were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction by Rev. P. M. Trexler.

P. M. TREXLER, Stated Clerk, *pro tem*.

Official copy from the original minutes of the several special meetings.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1898.

The Woman's Missionary Society of North Carolina Classis met in its first annual session in Newton, N. C., on Friday, May 13th, 9 a. m.

Devotional services were conducted by the President.

Officers Present:—President, Miss Mary Ida Hedrick; Vice-President, Mrs. J. L. Murphy; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mollie Fetzner; Recording Secretary, Mrs. LeRoy Whitener; Treasurer, Miss Mamie Clapp.

A Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates present:

Guilford Charge, Misses Ava Foust and Mary Welker; Thomasville, Mrs. Clarence Clapp; Upper Davidson, Pilgrim, Mrs. H. A. M. Holsouser, Misses Ida Hedrick and Winnie Conrad; Beulah, Miss Minnie Everhart; East Rowan, Grace, Misses Jennie Miller and Mattie Fisher; Bethel Church, Misses Mary and Annie Moose; Concord, Misses Frances Lippard and Mary Foil; New Gilead, Mrs. E. C. Suther, Mrs. Lou Cline and Miss Louanna Barnhardt; Mt. Bethel Mission, Mrs. John Ingle and Mrs. M. A. C. Trexler; Grace Church, Mrs. S. T. Wilfong; Hickory, Mrs. A. A. Shuford; Newton, Misses Etta Moose and Lucy Fry.

The President appointed the following Committees:

On Literature, Mrs. Whitener and Miss Lippard; Finance, Mrs. Clapp, Miss Moose and Miss Clapp; Nominations, Miss Fetzner and Mesdames Ingle and Wilfong; Courtesies, Misses Lippard and Everhart and Mrs. Lysterly.

A letter of greeting was read from Mrs. B. F. Davis, of Westchester, Pa. Miss Fetzner with deep feeling referred to Mrs. Davis' usefulness while among us, to her ministry in organizing the W. M. S., of N. C. Classis, her loyalty to its interests, and to friendships formed in our midst. Tearful eyes on the part of the few privileged to know Mrs. Davis, and the subdued quiet prevailing attested sympathy with the speaker's words.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That in congregations where a Woman's Missionary Society is not practicable any one so desiring may become a member of the Classical Missionary Society, entitled to the full privileges of the Society, by paying 50 cents annually.

Second, That a payment of \$5 shall entitle any one to a life membership in this Society, with full privileges of the same, the said fee to be paid within the Classical year in which it is pledged, either in one payment or in two or more installments.

Reports of delegates on the condition of their Societies were given now.

Adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

Meeting called to order at the stated time. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Ingle. Roll of delegates called and nearly every one responded. Two new names were added, Miss Josephine Anthony, of Grace Church, and Miss Pear Gall, of Maiden. Minutes of morning session read and adopted.

Miss Lippard presented the claims of the *Mission Band Helper*, and the importance of organizing the children into Mission Bands.

Mrs. Whitener presented the *Woman's Journal*, the official organ of the W. C. M. S.

Another letter from Mrs. B. F. Davis was read in which she offered to pay \$5.00 for a life membership in our Society, provided that four others would do the same thing, or to pay \$10.00 for a life membership on the same conditions. The fee in either case to be a special offering to Foreign Missions.

Miss Fetzer, as a memorial to her mother, Mrs. Whitener and Misses Hedrick, Lippard, Everhart and Mary Moore responded to the \$5.00 proposition.

The following changes in our Constitution were recommended by the Executive Committee, and unanimously adopted :

Art. III. Amended to read, The members of this Association shall consist of the Executive Committee and one delegate from each Auxiliary Society, and one from each congregation within the bounds of Classis, having no Missionary Society.

Art. IV. Amended to read: The officers of this society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall consist of these officers and five additional members.

Act VI. Amended to read: The meetings of the Association shall be held annually, at the place of the annual meeting of Classis, and they shall convene on the first day of Classis, and adjourn not later than the afternoon of the second day.

Miss Fetzter offered the following Resolution, viz:

Inasmuch as this Body has felt that its present constitution is inadequate to the most successful operation of the Body, and inasmuch as the proposed changes have been recommended without the proper time for consideration; therefore,

Resolved, that the Executive Committee is hereby directed to consider prayerfully the Constitution as now amended, and is empowered to draft a new Constitution if it is in its judgment best to do so, and present the same for adoption or rejection, to this Body at its next annual meeting.

Adopted.

Mrs. Whitener and Miss Clapp were appointed to confer with Classis about having our Minutes published under cover with their minutes. Meeting adjourned.

Open meeting Friday, 8 p. m., Miss Hedrick presiding.

PROGRAM.

Music—Hymn No. 135

Scripture Reading—President.

Prayer—Dr. Clapp.

Music—Hymn No. 133.

Address of Welcome—Miss Fry.

Response—Miss Fetzter.

Duett: "My Faith Looks up to Thee"—Mrs. Murphy and Miss Link.

President's Annual Address.

Recitation: Chimes of Amsterdam—Miss Link.

Paper: Mission Bands—Miss Lippard.

Solo: "My Peace I Leave With You"—Mrs. Murphy.

The Mission Field in North Carolina—Miss Clapp.

Offerings.

Music—Hymn No. 132.

Remarks by the Brethren.

Benediction.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M.

Meeting opened by Miss Hedrick, prayer and reading from 14th chapter of John. At roll call eighteen members responded, others coming in later augmented our number to thirty-one. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Report of committee appointed to confer with Classis in regard to publishing minutes received.

The corresponding secretary submitted the following report of auxiliary societies.

Concord: President, Miss Francis Lippard. Organized Jan. 18th, 1898, Members, 16. Three public meetings held. One Mission Band organized with 20 members.

Mt. Hope: President, Mrs. Jessie Welker Starr. Organized May 8th, 1897. Members 22 One Mission Band, members 28. Much interest manifested.

Pilgrim: President, Miss M. Ida Hedrick. Organized June 27th, 1897. Membership, including six honorary members, 21. Monthly meetings, with Bible Readings and Missionary selections. One Mission Band, enrollment, 16.

Grace (East Rowan): President, Miss Mattie Fisher. Organized Aug. 28th. Membership, including one honorary member, 15. One open meeting held, with program of music, recitations, etc.

Bethel: President, Mrs. L. H. Moose. Organized Sept. 1st, 1897. Twelve active and three honorary members. Much interest in the cause of Missions.

New Gilead: President, Mrs. J. E. Misenheimer. Organized Sept. 1st, 1897. Enrollment 19. Members active, interested and liberal.

Hickory: Re-organized as Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, Jan. 12th, 1898, with Mrs. J. L. Murphy, President. Seven members active in local work. One-half of membership dues contributed to Classical Treasury.

Bethany: President, Mrs. J. M. L. Lyerly. Re-organized in 1897 as Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society. This society has largely aided the enterprises of its own Church and contributed one-fifth of its fund to the Classical Treasury.

The work is everywhere reported as progressing; members are interested and active, and pastors are in hearty sympathy, co-operating with and encouraging the work by their prayers and advice.

Recapitulation: Auxiliary Societies, 9.

Members 148.

Mission Bands 3.

Members 60.

M. FETZER, Corresponding Secretary.

Report Adopted.

The following Report of Treasurer submitted and adopted:

Receipts:

May 6th, 1897, Offering at Mt. Hope.....	\$ 7 17
January 17th, 1898, Trinity Society.....	10 00
May 13th, Mt. Hope Society.....	5 50
May 13th, Bethany Society.....	2 90
May 13th, Pilgrim Society.....	10 70
May 13th, Bethel Society.....	5 10
May 13th, Corinth Society.....	3 50
May 13th, Mt. Bethel Society.....	1 00
May 13th, Grace, (E. Rowan) Society.....	15 82
May 13th, Trinity, (E. Rowan) Society.....	1 00
Trinity Mission Band.....	\$ 1 58
Newton (offering at open meeting)....	17 00
Unaccounted for.....	06
	\$ 81 33

DISBURSED.

May 8th, 1897, Salisbury Missions.....	\$ 2 00
May 8th, 1897, Mt. Bethel.....	2 00
January 20, 1898, Board of Foreign Missions.....	10 00—\$14 00
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 67 33

MAMIE CLAPP, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The success which has thus far attended our efforts, and the encouragement which has been given us, confirms our belief that we are called in the providence of God to this work, and inspires in us the hope of enjoying His blessing; therefore,

Resolved, That we will lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes by the following declarations:

First. That the aim and purpose of the Woman's Missionary Society of North Carolina Classis, is to arouse our women to greater activity in Religious and Missionary work, and, by concentration of effort, to increase their usefulness in saving souls and extending God's kingdom on earth.

Second. That we pledge ourselves for the present year to the support of the Girls' School at Sendai and to a Building Fund for Home Missions giving all funds above contingent expenses, three-fifths to the Girls' School, and two-fifths to the Building Fund.

Third. That inasmuch as it is the duty of Auxiliary Societies to sustain the Classical Society, we ask at least one-half of all membership dues be sent to the Classical Treasury.

Fourth. That we urge the organizing of Auxiliary Societies wherever and whenever practicable, and especially do we plead the importance of organizing the children into Mission Bands.

Fifth. That we recommend our Church and Missionary Literature, especially *The Corinthian*, *The Woman's Journal* and the *Mission Band Helper* to the hearty support and earnest study of our women, and that they so inform themselves of the needs of our Church work at home and in foreign fields as that they may act intelligently and sympathetically in all matters pertaining to the Master's cause.

Sixth. That in forming Women's Societies we have no desire to discourage mixed organizations, but that, on the contrary, we recognize the importance of enlisting Christians of all ages and both sexes in the active service of our Congregational Societies.

Miss Lippard read a letter from Miss Zurfluh, of the Girls' School at Sendai, which was listened to with closest attention.

Committee on Courtesies offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of the W. C. M. S. of North Carolina Classis be and hereby are tendered the good people of Newton for their generous hospitality, also that a vote of thanks be given to Mrs. Judge McCorkle for her kind proffer of the use of her sitting room for our meetings ; that we will ever remember our pleasant sojourn in Newton, and pray that our meeting there may be of mutual benefit.

Second. That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the Ministers of North Carolina Classis for their hearty approval of our work in their co-operation with us, by speaking many words of encouragement. May the Lord richly bless us all.

[Signed.]

FRANCES LIPPARD,
M. EUGENIA LYERLY,
MINNIE EVERHARDT.

Committee on Nominations handed in the following as their choice for officers for the coming year:

President, Miss Mary Ida Hedrick, Vice-president, Mrs. J. L. Murphy, Corresponding Secretary, Miss Francis Lippard, Recording Secretary, Mrs. LeRoy R. Whitener, Treasurer, Miss Mamie Clapp.

The report was accepted and they were unanimously elected.

The following were elected members of the Executive Committee: Mrs. W. H. Stubblebine, Mrs. Clarence Clapp, Mrs. H. A. M. Holshouser, Miss Ava Foust and Miss Mary Moose.

Meeting closed by singing "Blest be the tie that binds," and repeating the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
ALICE WHITENER, Recording Secretary.

Statistical Report of North Carolina Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Reformed Church in the United States.

For the year ending May 12th, A. D., 1898. I hereby certify that these statistics are carefully and officially prepared.
J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			CONTRI- BUTIONS.		Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Communicants.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re- newal of profession.	Dis- missed.	Deaths of Names.	Deaths Communicants.	Deaths Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Be- nevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Thomas Long	Without Charge.													Salem, N. C.
Jesse W. Cecil	Without Charge.													Thomasville, N. C.
John Ingle	Without Charge.													Green Park, N. C.
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	Pres. Catawba College.	214	186	10	19	19	1	1	4	1	1		\$ 45	350
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.	Prof. in Catawba College.	242	269	18	1	28	4	1	4	4			302	929
Michael L. Hedrick	Without Charge.												73	325
John A. Foil, Ph. D.	Prof. in Catawba College.												150	345
Paul Barringer	New Gilead.	453	246	10	2	11	2	5	22	2	2		133	545
Joseph L. Murphy	Hickory	333	222	18	1	30	4	1	28	5	1		240	480
Jacob C. Leonard, B. D.	Field Sec. Catawba College	200	186	17	1	10	5	6	11	2	2		86	400
J. M. Luther Lyerly	Central Rowan.	176	138	6	11	19	2	20	4	4	2		42	907
James D. Andrew	Guilford	163	157	12	3	22	6	4	1				12	1200
Julius H. Shuford	Without Charge.	2	353	316	13	22	1	3	21	8	1		100	546
Harvey A. M. Holshouser	Upper Davidson.	4	453	246	10	2	11	2	5	2	2		54	330
William H. McNairy	East Rowan.	2	333	222	18	1	30	4	1	28	5		169	9
B. Frank Davis	Without Charge.												93	813
Anthony Shulenberger	West Rowan	200	186	17	1	10	5	6	11	2	2		30	347
Clarence Clapp	Thomasville	1	16	13	8	1	19	2	20	4	2		35	109
Wm. H. Stubbiebine	Salisbury	1	16	13	8	1	19	2	20	4	2		35	109
Theodore C. Hesson	Lincoln	4	305	265	16	4	19	7	3	1			10	50
Lewis M. Kerschner	Lower Davidson	5	343	237	149	7	5	3	7	3	1		35	109
Charles H. Reidesel	Catawba	4	162	127	60	3	3	3	1	4	3		10	30
Wm. A. Long, Ph. D.	Newton	1	155	113	60	2	1	4	3	2	2		10	30
Vacant	Concord.	1	57	35	41	1		5	1	1			10	30
J. D. Andrew (Supply).	Burlington	3	94	69	45		1		1				10	30
J. L. Murphy (Supply).	Mt. Bethel.	1	30	20	48		1		1				10	30
P. M. Trexler (Supply).	Lenoir.	1	8	13									25	
		43	2301	1480	133	23	140	47	94	110	42	12	8	51,508
														\$7,850
														185
														331

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, A. D. 1897.

CLASSES.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.					CONTRIBUTIONS.				
	Classes.	No. of Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Unconfirmed.		Confirmed.	Certificate or Repression.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—		Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
				Communicants.	Communed.						Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.				
Zion's.....	9	12	34	4803	3796	2569	312	36	251	163	63	59	88	71	3	10523 00
Maryland.....	12	40	62	9436	7670	5179	509	49	450	251	108	143	160	92	12	50680 00
Mercersburg.....	19	26	34	3450	2652	1625	130	92	170	132	70	101	49	18	6	25573 73
Virginia.....	17	33	2478	1991	1296	80	27	82	39	24	15	45	43	13	1	9906 00
North Carolina.....	20	43	3317	1421	146	39	177	83	40	102	49	102	80	60	8	7346 00
Gettysburg.....	18	29	5763	3771	5126	3771	298	16	220	119	52	11	80	60	13	23492 00
Carlisle.....	12	21	2451	1098	45	41	153	77	52	43	42	43	17	6	7	11334 26
Luniata.....	21	50	6082	3230	5548	3230	267	66	294	177	125	17	80	46	2	19155 00
Portland-Oregon.....	5	6	270	188	197	188	37	5	24	11	6	1	4	.....	1	2005 16
Synod of Potomac (Total).....	9	164	204	38050	32209	20377	1874	366	1821	1052	621	492	616	312	56	\$ 160015 15
Eastern Synod.....	12	293	525	95701	78500	50386	5708	577	4712	2732	1482	1964	1800	996	107	435353 00
Ohio Synod.....	6	138	232	23490	19032	6384	839	676	1583	1030	521	746	347	96	31	111258 00
Synod of Pittsburg.....	5	82	137	17059	14944	9817	900	117	706	611	347	400	211	119	15	20274 00
Synod of the Northwest.....	10	158	223	21927	15856	14985	1910	42	1166	1017	328	4	488	.....	20	15394 00
Synod of the East.....	5	63	56	15199	12367	9586	2036	18	751	706	117	558	497	.....	9	89379 00
German Synod.....	4	90	109	19997	14976	11477	1053	76	980	551	218	3	304	202	27	89451 00
Central Synod.....	4	90	109	19997	14976	11477	1053	76	980	551	218	3	304	202	27	89451 00
Synod of the Interior.....	5	52	67	3189	2805	1479	145	81	149	204	112	73	34	16	6	89081 00
	56	1040	1053	234612	190539	124491	14565	1953	11847	9903	3746	16	4356	1741	271	\$ 235159 35
																\$1086197 15

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
OF THE
Reformed Church,
IN THE
UNITED STATES.
Sixty-Ninth Annual Session,
HELD IN
GRACE REFORMED CHURCH,
Rockwell, N. C.,
May 3rd-6th, 1899.



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OFFICERS OF THE CLASSIS :

President : Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D.....Newton, N. C.
Stated Clerk : Rev. J. C. Leonard, B. D.....Lexington, N. C.
Treasurer : Elder M. J. Rowe Newton, N. C.

THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA

OF THE

Reformed Church in the United States.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1899.

The Classis of North Carolina of the Reformed Church in the United States met in sixty-ninth annual session in Grace Reformed Church, East Rowan Charge, Rockwell, N. C., Rev. Wm. H. McNairy, *pastor loci*, Wednesday, May 3rd, 1899, at 2:30 o'clock, p. m. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. Paul Barringer, from Genesis vi: 22.—“Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.”

After the sermon Classis was constituted with Scripture reading and prayer. The roll call showed the presence of the following ministers and elders: Revs. P. Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lyerly, J. D. Andrew, J. H. Shuford, H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy, A. Shulenberg, T. C. Hesson, L. M. Kerschner, C. H. Riedesel, W. A. Long, J. N. Faust, G. A. Stauffer; Elders: J. R. Woods, Guilford Charge; A. P. Long, Upper Davidson; J. C. Hileman, New Gilead; T. W. S. Grimes, Thomasville; W. R. Garrett, Burlington; J. W. Deal, West Rowan; P. E. Campbell, Lincoln; H. C. Peeler, Central Rowan; M. J. Rowe, Newton; J. E. Wilfong, Hickory.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was now held. The President appointed Rev. J. L. Murphy and Elder A. P. Long to act as tellers. The election resulted in the choice of the following: Rev. Wm. A. Long, Ph. D.,

President; Rev. J. D. Andrew, Vice-President; Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, Corresponding Secretary. Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

Rev. A. C. Whitmer, of the Lancaster Classis, Superintendent of Missions, and Elders Eli Hedrick, J. B. Fisher, C. Peeler, J. M. Brown and R. Klutz were invited to seats as advisory members.

The time of opening and closing the sessions of Classis was fixed as follows: Open at 9 o'clock a. m.; sermon at 11 o'clock, followed by an intermission of one hour; close at 5:30 o'clock p. m. The bar of the house was defined to be the pews on either side and one in front of the pulpit.

The President announced the following Standing Committees:

1. RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Revs. W. H. McNairy, Paul Barringer, and Elder H. C. Peeler.

2. MINUTES OF CLASSIS: Revs. J. C. Leonard, G. A. Stauffer, and Elder J. R. Woods.

3. MINUTES OF POTOMAC SYNOD: Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. H. Shuford, and Elder J. W. Deal.

4. OVERTURES: Revs. J. L. Murphy, T. C. Hesson, and Elder J. E. Wilfong.

5. EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE: Revs. Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, and Elder W. R. Garrett.

6. NOMINATIONS: Revs. T. C. Hesson, C. H. Riedesel, and Elder T. W. S. Grimes.

7. FINANCE: Rev. J. M. Lyerly, and Elders A. P. Long, and M. J. Rowe.

8. EDUCATION: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, G. A. Stauffer, and Elder P. E. Campbell.

9. MISSIONS: Revs. A. Shulenberger, H. A. M. Holshouser, and Elder J. C. Hileman.

10. RELIGION AND STATISTICS: Revs. P. Barringer, J. D. Andrew, and Elder T. W. S. Grimes.

The parochial reports were read and referred to the Committee on Religion and Statistics.

The Trustees of Catawba College made the following report :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

The Trustees of Catawba College beg leave to report as follows:

Since the last session of Classis the Trustees held one annual meeting, and their Executive Committee held such meetings as were necessary to attend properly to the affairs pertaining to the welfare of the institution.

Last year the college graduated two young men, one of whom has entered the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., to pursue his studies for the ministry. The Senior Class this year numbers *five* young men, three of whom have the ministry in view. The enrollment of students for the present scholastic year is 147, a falling off of 24 from last year.

We are pleased to report the college on a more solid financial basis than ever before. The Endowment is being gradually increased. The General Endowment Fund in cash and bonds amounts to a little over \$9,000; the Alumni Fund in cash and bonds is \$5,000; the Potomac Synod has pledged a fund of \$17,000 (over \$2,000 of which has been collected) on which we are to receive an annual interest of \$1,000. It will be seen that virtually we have a working endowment fund of \$31,000. The tuition for the present year will amount to about \$1,800.00.

It is a matter of gratification to be able to announce that a friend of the College in Virginia has endowed the William Wirt Roller Scholarship in the sum of \$500, and that Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., of Pennsylvania, has transferred to the Trustees a deed for a tract of 880 acres of mountain land in that State, which if put on the market at the present time would realize at least \$8,000.

The teaching force has been increased during the year by the election of Rev. J. C. Leonard, A. M., B. D., to the chair of the English Language and Literature.

We ask a vigorous and renewed interest in the College from the ministry and membership of the Reformed Church in North Carolina. The College belongs to the Church, and it behooves the Classis to manifest a deep interest in the institution which has been fostered with such zealous care by our fathers.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. FOIL, Clerk.

NEWTON, N. C., May 1st, 1899.

The report was referred to the Committee on Education.

The time for adjournment having arrived, the session closed with prayer and the benediction by the President.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 4TH.

The Classis was called to order at 9 o'clock. The devotional services were conducted by the President. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted. Rev. C. Clapp and Elders R. T. Lippard of the Concord Charge and W. S. Wagoner of the East Rowan charge appeared and took their seats.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures made the following report:

The Committee on Overtures report the following papers received:

1. A request from Rev. W. H. Stubblebine asking to be dismissed from this Classis to the Classis of Miami, Ohio Synod.
2. A report of Bethany Orphan's Home with a letter from the Superintendent.
3. A request from Catawba charge asking aid for pastor's salary.
4. An overture signed by members of Mt. Bethel Mission asking Classis to place Lenoir and Blowing Rock Missions together, thereby making a pastoral charge.
5. Request from Lenoir Mission asking aid and the pastoral services of Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.
6. Report from Rev. J. Ingle in which he asks to be excused from attending this meeting of Classis.
7. Report of the Sunday School Board of General Synod.
8. Report from student W. H. Causey.
9. Request from Board of Missions, concerning Salisbury Mission.
10. A letter from Rev. B. F. Davis asking to be excused for absence.
11. A petition signed by 89 members of Lower Davidson charge, concerning the condition of said charge.
12. A paper from Rev. L. M. Kerchner calling the attention of the Classis to the unconstitutional conduct of a minister of Classis.

J. L. MURPHY.

T. C. HESSON.

The report was taken up by items and disposed of in the following action:

1. The request was granted, and the officers of Classis were instructed to forward the proper dismissal.
2. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. C. H. Riedesel, T. C. Hesson and Elder H. C. Peeler.
- 3, 4 and 5 were referred to the committee on missions.
6. The request was granted.

7. Referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.
8. Referred to the Board of Education.
9. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. D. Andrew, and Elder M. J. Rowe.
10. The request was granted.
11. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly, and Elder J. W. Deal.
12. The matter was referred to a committee consisting of Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. L. Murphy and Elder R. T. Lippard for investigation, with instructions to report at the next annual meeting of Classis, or if necessary at a meeting called for the purpose.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The following committee on Necrology was appointed: Revs. J. L. Murphy, A. Shulenberger, and Elder W. S. Wagoner.

The presence of Rev. J. H. Lippard, of the Congregational Church, was recognized.

MINUTES OF CLASSIS.

The Committee on Minutes of Classis made the following report:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Classis find the following items which demand your attention:

1. The committee on Sunday Schools for the classical year just closing consists of Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and H. A. M. Holshouser.
2. Rev. T. C. Hesson was made chairman of the committee on the Lincolnton church property, and the committee was instructed to organize a congregation if necessary and advisable and dispose of the property before the next annual meeting of Classis.
3. The interest of the Reformed Church in the Union Frieden Church property was referred to the St. Mark's congregation of the Burlington Charge of which Rev. J. D. Andrew is pastor.
4. The Board of Education for the year just closing consists of Revs. J. L. Murphy, Dr. J. C. Clapp, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elders S. T. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe.
5. Rev. J. D. Andrew was made chairman of the committee to take charge of the Stoner's Church property in Alamance County, and the committee was given power to dispose of the property.
6. Revs. Dr. J. C. Clapp, J. L. Murphy and T. C. Hesson were appointed to install Rev. Dr. W. A. Long, pastor of the Newton charge.
7. Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and C. Clapp were appointed to install Rev. L. M. Kerschner, pastor of the Lower Davidson charge.

8. The Lenoir Mission was placed in the care of Rev. Dr. P. M. Trexler.

9. Revs. Dr. W. A. Long, Dr. P. M. Trexler and J. L. Murphy were appointed to install Rev. C. H. Riedesel pastor of the Catawba charge.

10. Blowing Rock Mission was placed under the care of Revs. J. L. Murphy and Dr. W. A. Long.

11. Lower Davidson charge was granted \$100 on condition that they relieve Classis from any further obligations.

12. Blowing Rock and Lenoir were granted \$30 and \$20 respectively on conditions.

13. Catawba charge was granted \$100 on pastor's salary.

14. Revs. P. Barringer, A. Shulenberger and J. M. L. Lyerly were appointed to ordain Licentiate J. N. Faust and install him pastor of the Concord charge.

15. Revs. C. Clapp, J. L. Murphy and H. A. M. Holshouser were appointed to install Rev. J. D. Andrew, pastor of the Burlington charge.

16. Revs. C. Clapp, J. D. Andrew and J. W. Cecil were appointed to ordain Licentiate G. A. Stauffer and install him pastor of the Guilford charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

G. A. STAUFFER.

J. R. WOODS.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows :

1. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that twenty-four schools reported to Classis this year. From these reports we learn that there are in the schools 238 officers and teachers, 2,237 scholars enrolled, with 1,067 average attendance. None of the schools use the Catechism, 13 schools use Reformed Lesson Helps, 7 use other helps, while 4 schools make no report on this matter.

Your committee would recommend that pastors and consistories use greater care to have accurate reports, and that all our church members unite heartily in the 20th century movement to increase our schools in numbers, attendance and efficiency. Two new schools, one in Burlington, the other in Upper Davidson charge, were organized during the year.

The committee was re-appointed.

J. D. ANDREW,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,

J. L. MURPHY.

2. The following report was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina :

Your committee to dispose of the Reformed Church property in Lin-

colnton beg leave to report that they have made an effort to make some disposition of it, but have failed. Respectfully submitted,

*Revs. J. L. Murphy, T. C. Hesson,
P. D. Hinson and H. E. Ramsaur
were directed to receive the agree-
ment referred to in 1896.*

T. C. HESSON,
M. L. McCORKLE,
P. D. HINSON,
H. E. RAMSAUR.

3. The pastor of the St. Mark's congregation stated that nothing had been accomplished. The instructions of last year are reiterated, and Rev. J. D. Andrew and the consistory of St. Mark's Church are directed to carry out the instructions before the next annual meeting of Classis.

4. The following report was received and adopted :

The Board of Education begs leave to report that two young men, students of Catawba College, have been under its care for the past year, viz: W. H. Causey and S. W. Beck. Each received aid to the extent of \$50. Mr. Beck is a member of the Senior Class of the college and will be graduated this month. Mr. Causey is a member of the Junior Class. From the faculty we learn that these young men are diligent and highly worthy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
M. J. ROWE.

The Board was re-elected as follows: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly and Elders S. T. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe.

5. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to dispose of the Stoner's Church property in Alamance County beg leave to report that the chairman of the committee at different dates during the year visited the members of the disbanded congregation and held conferences with reference to selling the church and the tract of six acres of land on which the old church stood. These members opposed the sale of said property and because of their opposition no effort was made to sell.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,
J. R. WOODS.

The committee was continued with the instructions and powers previously given.

6. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to install Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D., pastor of Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., beg leave to report that

the duty was performed on the 5th Lord's day, May, 1898. all the members of the committee being present.

J. L. MURPHY,
T. C. HESSON.

7. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee beg leave to report that said duty was performed at Hedrick's Grove on the first Sabbath of June, 1898.

CLARENCE CLAPP.

8. Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., read his parochial report.

9. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to install Rev. Chas. H. Riedesel, pastor of Catawba charge beg leave to report the duty attended to by Revs. W. A. Long and P. M. Trexler, members of the committee.

W. A. LONG,
J. L. MURPHY.

10. The parochial report was read.

11. The conditions were complied with and the money ordered paid.

12. The conditions were complied with and the money ordered paid.

13. The money was paid.

14. The following report was received and adopted.

Duty attended to on June 11th, 1898.

PAUL BARRINGER,
A. SHULENBERGER,
J. M. L. LYERLY.

15. The following report was received and adopted:

Your humble servant installed Rev. J. D. Andrew pastor of the Burlington Charge at St. Mark's Apr. 30th, '99.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

16. The following report was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Ordination and Installation begs leave to report that the duty imposed was performed at Mt. Hope Church the 2nd Sabbath of March, 1899.

CLARENCE CLAPP.

The report was adopted as a whole. The time of 11 o'clock having arrived, Classis took a recess until after the sermon by Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser and the noon intermission.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order at the appointed hour. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. H. Riedesel. The roll was called and a quorum found present. Elder A.

W. Moose was invited to a seat as an advisory member. Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., appeared and took his seat.

The Classis now proceeded to hold an election for delegates to the General Synod and the Synod of the Potomac. The following were elected as delegates to the General Synod:

PRIMARI: Ministers—W. A. Long, Ph. D., and J. L. Murphy. Elders—M. J. Rowe and R. T. Lippard.

SECUNDI: Ministers—J. D. Andrew and J. C. Leonard. Elders—T. W. S. Grimes and J. E. Wilfong.

The following were elected as delegates to the Synod of the Potomac:

PRIMARI: Ministers—J. D. Andrew, T. C. Hesson, H. A. M. Holshouser, P. Barringer, J. M. L. Lyster, A. Shulenberg and W. H. McNairy. Elders—A. P. Long, J. E. Wilfong, J. R. Woods, P. E. Campbell, T. W. S. Grimes, R. T. Lippard and H. C. Peeler.

SECUNDI: Ministers—C. Clapp, W. A. Long, J. N. Faust, C. H. Riedesel, L. M. Kerschner, J. L. Murphy and G. A. Stauffer. Elders—W. R. Garrett, J. W. Deal, M. J. Rowe, J. C. Hileman, W. S. Wagoner, P. Bost and J. P. Rabb.

It was ordered that the expenses of two delegates to General Synod and two to Potomac Synod be paid in part.

The Treasurer of Classis made his annual report as follows:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

I beg leave to make my annual report for the year May, 1898-99 as follows:

RECEIPTS.

CHARGES.	Contingent Fund.	Church Building.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Catawba College.	Sustentation Fund.
Guilford	\$18 00	\$20 00	\$10 00	\$30 00	\$20 00	\$10 00	
Burlington	7 00	7 15	3 60	10 80	7 15	3 60	\$9 00
Hickory	14 00	18 00	9 00	34 00	25 88	9 00	22 50
Central Rowan	8 00	9 75	4 90	14 70	9 75	4 90	12 25
West Rowan	12 50	16 00	8 00	9 30	5 00	8 00	20 00
East Rowan	18 00	20 00	10 00	32 40	143 06	10 00	27 47
Lincoln	15 00	20 05	10 00	30 00	20 05	9 50	25 00
Thomasville	6 50	6 50	3 25	9 50	6 50	3 25	8 00
Upper Davidson	20 00	24 00	12 00	34 00	23 00	10 50	27 50
Lower Davidson	14 15	16 00	8 00	3 78		8 00	5 75
Catawba	6 00	7 00	3 50	10 25	7 00	3 50	8 75
Newton	10 00	13 30	6 60	25 65	25 20	6 60	16 50
New Gilead	10 75	15 00	7 50	22 50	15 00	7 00	18 75
Concord	3 00	4 50	2 25	6 75	4 50	2 25	5 65
Salisbury	80	1 00	50	1 50			30
Lenoir	50	75	40	1 20	75	40	1 00
Mt. Bethel	1 50	2 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2 50
Balance in Treasury 1898	7 42	200 75	20 58	279 02	33 79	1 00	
Am't transf'd by ord'r of Classis	299 60						
Am't from W. C. M. S.	8 00						
Total amount	\$480 72	\$401 75	\$121 08	\$558 35	\$348 63	\$99 00	\$210 92

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out of Contingent Fund:

Estate H. A. Forney, former Treasurer	\$ 5 00
Hidelberg Church, Thomasville	9 90
Stated Clerk's Salary and Expenses	25 00
St. James' Church, Mt. Pleasant	266 67
Treasurer of Catawba College	10 50
Salary and Expenses of Treasurer	6 41
Printing Minutes of Classis	41 53
Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Expenses to Synod	25 00
Contingent Fund of General and Potomac Synods	60 00

Total

Balance in Treasury

Paid out of Church Building Fund:

On Note for Borrowed Money	\$200 00
Balance in Treasury	201 75

Paid out of Beneficiary Education Fund:

Transferred to Contingent Fund.....	\$ 20 58
Student S. W. Beck.....	50 00
Student W. H. Causey.....	50 00

Total.....	\$120 58
Balance in Treasury.....	50

Paid out of Home Mission Fund :

Transferred to contingent fund.....	\$279 02
Rev. W. H. Stubblebine for Salisbury Mission.....	5 85

Total	\$284 87
Balance in treasury.....	273 48

Balance due Treasurer :

From West Rowan Charge.....	14 70
From Lower Davidson Charge.....	20 22

Paid out of Foreign Mission Fund :

Dr. J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	300 38
Balance in Treasury... ..	48 25

Balance due Treasurer :

From Lower Davidson Charge.....	16 00
From Salisbury Mission.....	1 00

Paid out of Catawba College Fund :

Dr. J. A. Foil, Treasurer... ..	73 00
Balance in Treasury.....	26 00

Paid out of Sustentation Fund :

Dr. W. A. Long, for Mt. Bethel Mission.....	\$ 4 25
Rev. J. L. Murphy, for Mt. Bethel Mission.....	16 76
Rev. L. M. Kerschner, for Lower Davidson Charge.....	48 75
Rev. C. H. Riedesel, for Catawba Charge.....	46 00
Dr. P. M. Trexler, for Lenoir Mission.....	13 00

Total.....	\$ 128 75
Balance in treasury... ..	82 16

Balance due Treasurer :

Guilford Charge.....	25 00
Lower Davidson Charge.....	14 25
Salisbury Mission	95

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. ROWE, Treasurer.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance to audit.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod made the following report :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina :

Your Committee on the Minutes of Synod report as follows :

1. Revs. J. C. Leonard and J. D. Andrew were present from the Classis of North Carolina.

2. The Classes are requested to accept their full apportionments and give the people an opportunity to contribute towards the objects for which they are made.

3. The Synod does not see its way clear to counsel the Trustees of Catawba College to proceed with the effort to collect the \$17,000 endowment, pledged at the meeting of the Synod at Altoona, at this time, but that it be resumed as early as possible.

4. The following persons were nominated for Trustees of Catawba College :

Revs. Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy and J. M. L. Lyerly, Hon. A. A. Shuford, Hon. S. T. Wilfong and Judge M. L. McCorkle.

5. Synod urges her Classes to make special efforts to raise promptly and fully the amounts apportioned to them for Foreign Missions.

6. The cause of Home Missions is commended to the prayers and liberality of our people and the Classes are urged to raise the amounts apportioned upon them, in order that the debts may be liquidated and the Boards placed in position to take advanced steps in their operations.

7. Synod apportions the following amounts of money to the Classis of North Carolina:

- (a.) Home Missions \$500;
- (b.) Foreign Missions \$375.00.
- (c.) Hungarian and Bohemian Missions \$60.
- (d.) Work Among the Germans, \$30.
- (e.) Harbor Missions, \$10.
- (f.) Beneficiary Education \$300.
- (g.) Theological Seminary \$53
- (h.) Catawba College \$90.
- (i.) Calvin College \$20.
- (j.) Contingent Fund of Synod \$15.

8. Pastors and Consistories through the Classes are requested to exercise careful oversight over the records of the Sunday Schools.

9. Pastors, Consistories, S. S. Superintendents, teachers and scholars are urged through the Classes to make an earnest and systematic effort to increase the number and efficiency of the membership of our Sunday Schools ; and further, each Classis is asked to instruct its Classical Committee on Sunday Schools to heartily coöperate in the Twentieth Century movement in Reformed Schools.

10. The attention of Pastors and S. S. workers is called to the great importance of using the Bible in studying the lessons at home and in the schools.

11. The Classes of the Synod are requested to call the attention of pastors and consistories to the *Reformed Church Tidings*, urging them to make all reasonable efforts to place it in all our families.

12 The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and Their Widows; and the Classes are requested to instruct their pastors to lift at least one collection annually in each of their congregations on some Sunday before October in the Synodical year.

13. The Classes are requested to direct their pastors to make an effort to secure at least \$5 to be applied to the support of the Daniel Stine Memorial Home.

14. Synod calls the attention of Classis to certain arrearages.

15. The next annual meeting of the Synod of the Potomac will be held in St. Paul's Reformed Church (English) of Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday evening, Oct. 24th, A. D., 1899, at 8 o'clock.

J. D. ANDREW,

J. H. SHUFORD,

J. W. DEAL.

The report was considered by items, and disposed of as follows:

1. Rev. J. D. Andrew was granted \$13.00 in part payment of expenses.

2. *Resolved:* That this Classis expresses its endorsement of the sentiment of the Synod in requesting the several Classes to assume the apportionments in full, and declares its purpose to do all possible in raising funds for the causes of benevolence suggested by Synod.

3. Adopted.

4. The nominees were elected as follows: Revs. Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy and J. M. L. Lyerly, Hon. A. A. Shuford, Hon. S. T. Wilfong and Judge M. L. McCorkle.

5. Adopted.

6. Adopted.

7. (a) (b) (c) (d) (e). Referred to the Committee on Missions, (f). Assumed \$100, (g) not assumed, (h) assumed, (i), not assumed, (j), assumed.

8, 9, 10, 11. Adopted.

12. The special attention of the pastors is called to the request with instructions to comply if possible.

13. The same action was taken as under item twelve.

14. Classis took the following action with reference to the arrearages.

WHEREAS The Classis of North Carolina is reported in arrears on

Synodical apportionment as follows: Contingent Fund of Potomac and General Synods, \$60; Catawba College, \$28.37; and Calvin College, \$25.00.

RESOLVED, That we express our regret that through an oversight the Contingent Fund was not paid in time to receive credit in the Minutes of Synod.

RESOLVED, That we call the attention of Synod to an error in reporting the other amounts as arrearages. The \$28.37 reported as due on the apportionment for Catawba College was paid and so reported in the Minutes of the previous year; see Minutes of Synod 1897, page 53. Further, the Classis of North Carolina was excused from the apportionment for Calvin College; see Minutes of Synod 1897, pages 16 and 17.

15. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Committee on Nominations reported as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to present the name of Elder M. J. Rowe as Treasurer of Classis for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HESSON,
C. H. RIEDESEL,
T. W. S. GRIMES.

The report was adopted.

The special Committee on Bethany Orphan's Home reported as follows:

Your special Committee to consider the claims of Bethany Orphan's Home begs leave to report that it has examined the report and communication of Bethany Orphan's Home, and we recommend that this institution be commended to pastors and laity as worthy of support. We further suggest that a special collection taken on Christmas, or some other occasion, if more convenient, be devoted to the support of Bethany Orphan's Home.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. RIEDESEL,
T. C. HESSON,
H. C. PEELER.

The report was adopted.

The following amounts were referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment:

Stated Clerk's salary and expenses, \$29.59; printing minutes of this session of Classis, \$45; Treasurer's salary and expenses, \$14.50.

An address on Missions by Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent of Missions, was made the order of the day for Friday afternoon immediately after the opening of the session.

A half hour was now given for addresses on the lives of Revs. Thomas Long and J. W. Cecil, two fathers in the Church who were called up higher during the Classical year. Feeling tributes to their memory were spoken by members of the Classis. By a rising vote the following resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, God has called two of our co-laborers, Rev. Thomas Long and Rev. Jesse W. Cecil from their labors on earth to their reward above,

Resolved, That we hereby bear testimony to the faithfulness, the exalted Christian character, and the true piety of these fathers in Israel, and that we gratefully acknowledge the debt which the Church in North Carolina owes to their labors.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the families, and that they be published in the *Reformed Church Corinthian*.

The time for adjournment having arrived the session closed with prayer and the benediction by Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 5TH.

The Classis was called to order at the stated time. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. P. M. Trexler. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and adopted.

NECROLOGY.

The committee on Necrology made the following report :

Your committee on Necrology beg leave to report that during the past year two of our ministers have died, Fathers Thomas Long and Jesse W. Cecil.

REV. THOS. LONG.

Rev. Thomas Long, son of John and Susan Long, was born in Davidson County, North Carolina, Nov. 18th, 1818, and died Dec. 25th, 1898. He was licensed to preach the gospel by the North Carolina Classis in 1862.

He became the pastor of the Upper Davidson charge that year and for twenty-five years served the churches faithfully. For the last five years of his life he was unable to preach, being a great sufferer. He was buried at Hebron.

REV. JESSE W. CECIL.

Rev. Jesse W. Cecil was born in Davidson county, North Carolina, on Sept. 9th, 1833, and departed this life March 5th, 1899.

He was born of Methodist parentage and was licensed to preach in that church. He joined the Classis of North Carolina in 1862, and served as pastor of the Lower Davidson, West Rowan, and Concord charges, besides supplying vacant churches at different times and places. The last few years were spent in retirement, living in the town of Thomasville.

He was buried at Piney Wood Cemetery.

J. L. MURPHY,
W. S. WAGNER.

The report was adopted.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Committee on Religious Services made the following report:

To the Classis of North Carolina: Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services:

Wednesday, 2:30 o'clock P. M.—Opening sermon, Rev. Paul Barringer.

Thursday, 11 A. M.—Sermon, Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

Friday, 11 A. M.—Services conducted by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Classis of North Carolina.

Friday, 1 o'clock P. M.—Missionary address, Rev. A. C. Whitmer.

Saturday, 1 o'clock P. M.—Preparatory Service, Sermon—Rev. C. H. Riedesel, assisted by Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Sunday, 9:30 A. M.—Sunday School Services.

Addresses—Revs. C. Clapp, A. Shulenberger and Mr. H. E. Sechler.

Sunday, 11 A. M.—Communion Services.

Sermon—Rev. A. C. Whitmer, assisted by Rev. L. M. Kerschner and Dr. P. M. Trexler.

Sermon in School House—Rev. J. N. Faust.

Sunday, 2 P. M.—Sermon in Church, Rev. J. D. Andrew.

At School House—Rev. T. C. Hesson.

Closing services of Classis:

1. Hymn by Rev. J. M. L. Lysterly.
2. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Shuford.
3. Address by Dr. P. M. Trexler.
4. Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer and Doxology by Classis.
5. Benediction by President.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. MCNAIRY,
PAUL BARRINGER,
H. C. PEELER.

The report was adopted.

MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions made the following report:

Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report: (1) (a) A petition from the Mt. Bethel Mission signed by 15 members of said Mission; (b) a petition from the Lenoir Mission.

Your committee recommend that the Mt. Bethel and Lenoir Missions be constituted a pastoral charge to be known as the Blowing Rock charge, and the Classis grant sustentation to the amount of two hundred dollars on condition that the charge obligate itself to pay one hundred and twenty-five dollars towards the support of the pastor for the first year.

2. A request from the Catawba charge for aid to the extent of \$100.

Your committee recommend that they be granted \$75, on condition that the charge raise \$225.

3. A paper from Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Your committee recommend that this be incorporated in the minutes of Classis.

4. We recommend that the Classis assume \$325 for Home Missions.

5. Inasmuch as we believe that the charges of Classis will raise more for Foreign Missions without than with an apportionment, we recommend that no apportionment be made, but that our people be kindly urged to do all possible for this worthy cause.

6. We recommend that the Classis do not assume the amounts sent down for Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, work among the Germans and Harbar Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. SHULENBERGER,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,

J. C. HILEMAN.

The report was considered by items, each item was adopted, and finally the report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions mentioned in item three of the above report follows:

To the Classis of North Carolina:

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: During the past year the work of our Mission in Japan has been pressed with continued industry and devotion and in view of the political and religious excitements and commotions with which that Empire is being agitated, with decidedly encouraging success. Ever since the war with China, public opinion has been in a continuous whirl of excitement and change. Besides being carried away with an undue estimate of their greatness and importance as a nation, the endeavor of the people to adjust themselves to their new

relations, and especially to their recently adopted form of constitutional government, has given rise to an all absorbing discussion and commotion in endeavoring to adjust their politics and government administration. And now the near approach of the date when the revised treaties will go into effect is serving to intensify the general agitation.

This state of things has had the effect to interfere with the work of Missions, so far at least as immediate results are concerned. And yet withal these very agitations, there is awaking a keener sense of the fact that the elevation and civilization they are reaching after have for their mainspring, christian principles. The leading men and statesmen are growing more and more assured of this fact and are looking with increasing favor to our holy religion. Thus the work of preparation, guided by the hand of Providence, is going forward.

Meanwhile the missionary ceases not to "cry aloud and spare not." Our own work, not without its hinderances and discouragements is, under all the circumstances, decidedly encouraging. There has been, as compared with the year preceding, no falling off, but an increase in the number of additions by adult baptism and confession of faith. Our preaching stations are increasing faster than we can furnish them with native evangelists. Rev. H. K. Miller has located in Yamagata, thus establishing our third principal station. The Industrial Home under Rev. S. S. Snyder's efficient management is overcoming its difficulties. The new Church building connected with our Institutions in Sendai, will be put under contract this year; and the Girl's School, of which our missionary, Miss Mary C. Hollowell, now in this country on furlough, gives us a glowing account, is prospering.

The instructions given by General Synod at its last meeting, to plant a new Mission in China or elsewhere, the Board has not been able to carry into effect. By a canvass of the Classes a year ago, the Board was made aware of the fact that the Church was not prepared for the step. These facts will be reported to the General Synod at its approaching meeting and further instructions asked. There is unquestionably a widespread feeling in the Church, that we ought to plant a new Mission somewhere.

We are sorry to have to say that the finances of the Board are not in a favorable condition. It seems that like other Churches in this country, ours has grown apathetic on the subject of Missions. Our receipts for the last fiscal year, as published in the church papers show quite a pleasing total. But when the proceeds of the Oberly legacy, and the amount of special contributions for the church building at Sendai, in answer to Mrs. Schneder's appeals, which are included in that total, are deducted it will be seen that the actual contributions for our general work, by the Church, shows a falling off. Besides, the expenses of the Board for the last three years have been exceptionally heavy. The loss by the robbery of our treasury in Sendai, the cost of missionaries and families coming

and going on furlough and appropriations for church buildings in Japan have gradually created a shortage which has grown into a troublesome debt.

Your Reverend Body will certainly appreciate the solicitude of the Board that measures should be adopted by the Church, and especially by the Classes; to enable it to carry forward the work committed to its hands in a vigorous and aggressive way. Unlike some of the strongest, Mission Boards in this country, we have not yet yielded to the pressure to cut down appropriations, and thus cripple the work, but we have been compelled to subject some of our missionaries to the dangerous hardship of living in Japanese houses, constructed in large part of paper, to the damage of the health of their families and the peril of life. This ought not to be. But the Board has been powerless from the want of means.

In conclusion, we beg to submit the question: Is our Church responding as it ought to our Lord's command, to preach the gospel to every creature, to the best of her ability. The sums named in the apportionment, let it be remembered, are the minimum not the maximum of what is asked for.

Your Brother in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER.

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., March 25 1899.

Classis now took a recess until after the services in charge of the Woman's Classical Missionary Society and the usual intermission.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The Classis was called to order at the appointed time. Rev. J. N. Faust conducted the devotional services. The roll was called and a quorum found present. Elder Lefler of the Salisbury Mission was invited to a seat.

Rev. A. C. Whitmer, of Lancaster, Pa., Superintendent of Missions, addressed the Classis in the interest of that cause.

EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education made the following report:

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report:

We are in receipt of the report from the Trustees of Catawba College, and note with much pleasure the fair condition of our beloved institution. It is gratifying to know that the Endowment is gradually increasing, both the General Fund and the Alumni, and commend the

action of the friend in Virginia who has endowed the William Wirt Roller Scholarship in the sum of \$500, and also that of Rev. Geo. B. Russell, D. D., of Pennsylvania, who has been so generous as to deed Catawba College 880 acres of mountain land.

We call the attention of the ministers and elders of this Classis to the fact that the College is due your patronage, and that when you send your sons and daughters to school that you send them to Catawba. This is our institution and we are expected to foster same.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
G. A. STAUFFER,
P. E. CAMPBELL.

The report was adopted.

The special committee on item 11 of the report on Overtures concerning the petition from certain members from the Lower Davidson charge made the following report :

Your special committee to whom the petition from the Lower Davidson charge was referred, beg leave to report as follows :

From the petition placed in our hands, and from other information, we are constrained to believe that the Lower Davidson charge is, at present, in bad condition, that there is a serious conflict existing there between pastor and a part of the membership.

Your committee recommend that a committee of three, composed of members of this Classis, well acquainted with the people of Lower Davidson charge, and in whom the people of said charge have the greatest confidence, be sent to said charge, for the purpose of harmonizing the conflicting parties of this charge.

Respectfully submitted, P. M. TREXLER,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
J. W. DEAL.

The report was adopted. The committee called for in the foregoing report consists of Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. L. Murphy and Elder R. T. Lippard.

Rev. G. A. Stauffer and Elders M. J. Rowe and J. E. Wilfong were excused from attendance after to-day's session.

It was ordered that the Treasurer of Classis pay to the Lower Davidson and Catawba charges and Blowing Rock and Lenoir Missions whatever amounts are still due on sustentation promised last year out of the Contingent and Home Mission funds which he now has on hand. It was also ordered that the Committee on Finance reapportion all deficits in last year's assessments upon the charges in arrears.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Classis entered upon the selection of the place and time for the next annual meeting. Beulah Reformed Church of the Upper Davidson charge, Arnold, N. C., was selected as the place, and Wednesday, April the 18th, A. D., 1900, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. as the time.

RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

The Committee on Religion and Statistics made the following report:

Your Committee on Religion and Statistics beg leave to report as follows:

On examining the several Parochial reports we find that in most cases the work of the church has been prosecuted with commendable zeal.

The word has been preached and the sacraments administered; but catechization has not been as satisfactorily done as the customs and usages of the Reformed Church require. Do we wish to indoctrinate our young people and make them intelligent members of our churches? If so nothing serves this purpose better than a thorough training in the catechism, and the word of God.

Our people as a whole are active in their benevolence; but alas! some of our churches lack in the spirit of liberal giving. Could not this by earnest effort be remedied?

There exists in some of our charges the tendency of a lagging spirit. Union and concord, the bonds of peace and good fellowship, are not as strong as is desirable, but in lieu thereof there is discord which hinders the onward and upward progress of the Master's work; and this may explain why the dearth in benevolence exists. If a proper spirit of love and good will and obedience existed, that which the church at large expects would be more nearly realized. Our spiritual life and growth depend upon keeping the commands of our common Lord and Master who says: "If ye keep my commandments, that ye shall love one another, as I have loved you." Again, "For he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen how can he love God whom he hath not seen?"

It does not occur to us from these reports that there is as deep a spiritual life in our churches and among our membership as ought to exist. If such is the case where does the responsibility rest?

This we leave for each one of the brethren to answer, as each of us must give an account of his stewardship to God. In the language of the prophet we are lead to exclaim: "Awake, awake, put on strength,

O arm of the Lord, put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city ; for henceforth there shall no more come unto thee the uncircumcised and the unclean."

Death has been more active within the bounds of our churches during the past classical year than formerly. Not only has the angel of death removed a number of our aged elders and deacons, the pillars of the churches—men of godly characters and holy fear—but also several of our co-laborers in the gospel work. These old fathers, whose hallowed memories touch such responsive chords in the bosom, have fought a good fight, have finished their course, have kept the faith once delivered to the saints, and are now gone to receive the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give unto them at that great day, and not to them only, but unto all of them that love His appearing. Peace to their slumbering dust.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER,
J. D. ANDREW,
T. W. S. GRIMES.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution concerning the establishment of an orphans' home was adopted :

Believing that it is the sentiment of the Classis of North Carolina that something definite should be done with reference to the orphans of our Church, and looking to the interests of the Church in this direction ;

Resolved, That a committee of the three be appointed to investigate the feasibility of the establishment of a church orphans' home for our Classis, and if found practicable, to present plans, etc., for the establishment of such institution at our next meeting.

The committee called for in the foregoing resolution consists of Mrs. J. M. R. Lusk, J. D. Andrew and H. A. M. Kolshauer.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have examined the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with the same, and find it correct. We recommend its adoption. We further report the following apportionments for objects of benevolence referred to us :

CHARGES.	Contingent Fund.	Church Building.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Catawba College.
Guilford	\$16 00	\$10 00	\$10 00	\$85 00	\$9 00
Burlington	7 00	3 60	3 60	21 60	3 25
Hickory	14 00	9 00	9 00	54 00	9 25
Central Rowan	8 00	4 90	4 90	29 00	4 55
West Rowan	12 00	8 00	8 00	48 00	7 50
East Rowan	17 00	10 00	10 00	64 00	9 00
Lincoln	16 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	8 75
Thomasville	6 00	3 25	3 25	19 00	3 00
Upper Davidson	19 00	12 00	12 00	68 00	9 50
Lower Davidson	14 00	8 00	8 00	62 25	7 25
Catawba	6 00	3 50	3 50	21 00	3 25
Newton	10 00	6 60	6 60	39 50	6 00
New Gilead	11 00	7 50	7 50	45 00	6 50
Concord	3 00	2 25	2 25	13 50	2 00
Salisbury	50	50	50	3 00	50
Lenoir	50	40	40	2 40	25
Mt. Bethel	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	50
Total	\$161 00	\$100 50	\$100 50	\$641 25	\$90 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

M. J. ROWE,

A. P. LONG.

The report was adopted.

The day's session closed with prayer and the benediction by Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 6TH.

Classis was called to order at the appointed time. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Andrew. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

The Committee on Examination and Licensure made the following report:

Your Committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report as follows:

Mr. Henry E. Sechler, having completed the course of study in the Theological Seminary at Tiffin, Ohio, appeared before the Committee and was examined on the course of study pursued by him in the Seminary. This examination was satisfactory, and your Committee recommend his licensure.

PAUL BARRINGER,
J. L. MURPHY,
W. R. GARRETT.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Sechler having subscribed to the constitutional formula was licensed to preach the Gospel, and the officers of Classis were instructed to furnish him with a proper certificate of licensure.

The following resolutions on holding Church Work conventions were adopted:

Believing that it would be for the mutual benefit of our pastors and elders, and for the good of your people in the way of arousing a deeper interest in the development of our beloved Zion, and in bringing about a more direct and practical contact of the ministry and people,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Classis that for accomplishing this, conventions, made up of all the ministers and an elder from each congregation, should be held semi-annually or oftener, if convenient, in the different parts of the district.

Resolved, That three districts be formed as follows: The Eastern, composed of all the ministers and churches east of the Yadkin river; the Central, composed of all the ministers and churches between the Yadkin and Catawba rivers; and the Western, composed of all the ministers and churches West and North of the Catawba river.

Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. M. L. Lyerly and J. L. Murphy were appointed to superintend the work as above outlined.

The special committee on item nine of the report on Overtures presented the following report:

Your committee to consider the Home Mission Board's request that Classis assume the entire debt on Faith Reformed Church of Salisbury beg leave to report as follows:

While we do not see our way clear to accede to the Board's request, we are desirous of doing something to relieve this important mission in our bounds. We therefore recommend the following for adoption :

Resolved, That the Classis pledge itself to raise \$100 annually for a period of four years, with the understanding that the Mission raise \$100 annually and other friends outside raise \$100 annually for the same period, and also with the understanding that the Mission Board is willing to donate the interest on the \$2,200 debt for a period of four years, and will not foreclose the \$1,000 mortgage.

Resolved, That Rev. Paul Barringer be appointed the commissioner to secure the outside pledges.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY,
J. D. ANDREW,
M. J. ROWE.

The report was adopted.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted :

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Classis are extended to the good people of Lower Stone (Grace) congregation and community for the hospitality enjoyed by our members.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Classis are also extended to the Southern Railway for courtesies extended.

The following committee of supply for Salisbury Mission was appointed: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, W. H. McNairy and A. Shulenberger.

The committee of supply for the newly constituted Blowing Rock charge consists of Revs. J. L. Murphy, W. A. Long, Ph. D., and P. M. Trexler, D. D.

Revs. M. L. Hedrick and J. A. Foil, Ph. D., were excused for absence from this session of Classis.

All business of the Classis having been disposed of, the minutes of the day's session were read and adopted. The roll was called and all members not previously excused answered to their names. A hymn was sung, prayer offered, an address delivered, the Classis and the congregation joined in the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer, the doxology was sung, the benediction was pronounced, and the President declared the Classis adjourned.

W. A. LONG, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes,

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, N. C. June, 11th, 1898, at 2 o'clock p. m. in obedience to the following call of the President :

MT. PLEASANT, N. C., May 24th, 1898.

Notice is hereby given of a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina to be held in Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, N. C., June 11th, 1898, at 2 o'clock, p. m., to attend to the following business :

1. To receive Licentiate Jacob N. Faust from the Goshenhoppen Classis, Eastern Synod.
2. To confirm a call, if found in order, from the Concord charge to Licentiate J. N. Faust.
3. To ordain Licentiate J. N. Faust and install him pastor of the Concord charge.

Please notify your Elder.

PAUL BARRINGER, President.

The President called the Classis to order and opened the meeting with singing, Scripture reading and prayer. Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly was appointed Stated Clerk *pro tem*. The following members were present : Revs. P. Barringer, J. M. L. Lyerly and A. Shulenberger ; Elders L. J. Foil, A. G. Bost and H. O. Deal.

1. A certificate dismissing Licentiate J. N. Faust from the Goshenhoppen Classis to the Classis of North Carolina was read, and he was received and his name placed on the roll of members. The Stated Clerk was instructed to inform the Goshenhoppen Classis of his reception.

2. The call for Licentiate J. N. Faust to become pastor of the Concord charge was found in order and confirmed.

3. The Classis proceeded to ordain Licentiate J. N. Faust and install him pastor of the Concord charge. Rev. A. Shulenberger preached the ordination sermon from I Thes. iii:2. Rev. P. Barringer addressed the people and conducted the ordination services, when all the ministers present took part in the laying on of hands. Rev. Faust was then installed pastor of the Concord charge.

The minutes were read and approved, and the meeting closed with the doxology and the benediction by the President.

P. BARRINGER, President.

J. M. L. LYERLY, Stated Clerk *pro tem*.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., January 7th, 1899, at 2 o'clock, p. m., in obedience to the following call:

MT. PLEASANT, N. C., December 20th, 1898.

DEAR BRO.: You are hereby notified of a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina to be held in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Jan 7th, 1899, at 2 o'clock, p. m., to attend to the following items of business:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. J. D. Andrew and the Guilford charge.

2. To confirm a call, if in order, to Rev. J. D. Andrew from the Burlington charge, and provide for his installation.

3. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. Clarence Clapp and the Thomasville charge.

4. To receive Licentiate Geo. A. Stauffer from East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod.

5. To confirm a call, if in order, to Licentiate G. A. Stauffer from the Guilford charge, and to provide for the ordination of Licentiate Stauffer and his installation in the said charge. Notify your elder.

PAUL BARRINGER, President.

In the absence of the President, the Stated Clerk called the Classis to order and nominated Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., President *pro tem*, who took the chair and conducted the devotional services. The following members were found to be present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. C. Leonard, Clarence Clapp and W. A. Long, Ph. D., and elders A. D. Shuford and James Propst.

The several items of the call were disposed of in the following action:

1. Satisfactory papers being in the hands of Classis, the pastoral relation between Rev. J. D. Andrew and the Guilford charge was dissolved and the charge declared vacant.

2. The call to Rev. J. D. Andrew from the Burlington

charge being found in order was confirmed, and the following committee on installation was appointed: Revs. Clarence Clapp, J. L. Murphy and H. A. M. Holshouser.

3. The resignation of Rev. Clarence Clapp as pastor of the Thomasville charge and the acceptance of the same by the joint consistory being in the hands of Classis, the pastoral relation was dissolved and the charge declared vacant.

4. On a regular certificate of dismission from East Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, Licentiate George A. Stauffer was received as a member of the Classis of North Carolina, and his name placed on the roll of ministers.

5. The call from the Guilford charge to Licentiate Geo. A. Stauffer being found in order, was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to ordain and install him pastor in the Guilford charge: Revs. C. Clapp, J. D. Andrew and J. W. Cecil.

The business for which the meeting was called having been disposed of, the minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction by the President *pro tem*.

J. C. CLAPP, President *pro tem*.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., March 23d, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., according to the following call of the President:

MT. PLEASANT, N. C., March. 8th, 1899.

The Classis of North Carolina will meet in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., March 23d, at 2 o'clock p. m., to consider the advisability of changing the time and place of the next annual meeting.

PAUL BARRINGER, President.

In the absence of the President the Stated Clerk called the Classis to order and nominated Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., for President *pro tem*. The latter took the chair and conducted the devotional services.

The roll call showed the presence of the following members: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, Clarence Clapp, and W. A. Long, Ph. D., and Elders M. L. McCorkle and James Propst. Elders A. D. Shuford and M. J. Rowe were admitted to seats as advisory members.

The call was read, and the time and place of the next annual meeting of the Classis were changed from Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, N. C., May 11th, 1899, 8 o'clock p. m., to Grace Reformed Church, East Rowan Charge, Rockwell, N. C., Wednesday, May 3rd, 1899, at 2:30 o'clock, p. m.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction by the President.

P. M. TREXLER, President *pro tem*.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copies from the original minutes of special meetings.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1899.

The Woman's Missionary Society of North Carolina Classis met in annual session at Grace Church, Rowan County, at 4 p. m. on Wednesday, May 3rd, 1899.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the President.

Owing to a misunderstanding as to the time of meeting, only six were present. Officers: President, Miss Mary Ida Hedrick; Treasurer, Miss Mamie Clapp; Recording Secretary, Mrs. LeRoy R. Whitener.

Delegates: Mrs. W. H. McNairy, Mrs. J. M. L. Lyerly and Miss Blanche Fisher. The President appointed Mrs. Lyerly and Miss Fisher a committee on Credentials. Appointing other committees was postponed.

A letter of greeting was read from Mrs. B. F. Davis.

After various suggestions as to the plan of work for to-morrow, the meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY, MAY 4TH, 9 A. M.

Meeting opened by reading 14th chapter of John by the President, and prayer by Miss Frances Lippard. Roll called. Minutes of yesterday's meeting read and accepted.

Miss Mamie Clapp and Mrs. G. T. Crowell gave their names as members of our society, by payment of 50 cents each.

Committee on credentials reported the following delegates present :

Miss Frances Lippard, Mrs. G. T. Crowell and Mrs. J. N. Faust, Concord ; Miss Mary Moose, Bethel, East Rowan ; Miss Sara Holshouser, Bethany, Central Rowan ; Mrs. M. E. Peeler, Faith ; Mrs. M. A. Ingle, Mt. Bethel Mission ; Miss Mamie Plott, Maiden ; and from Grace, East Rowan, Misses Blanche Fisher, Jennie Miller, Laura Fisher, Daisy Fisher, Martha Brown and Elen Holshouser.

The following committees were appointed :

On Literature, Mrs. Ingle and Miss Lippard. On Courtesies, Mrs.

Whitener, Mrs. Ingle, Miss Moose. On Finance, Misses Clapp and Lippard.

On motion of Miss Lippard the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we try to secure enough money to support a girl for one year at Sendai, and that all funds raised by the Life-membership fees and the yearly members be applied to the purpose.

Mrs. Whitener offered the following resolution, viz :

Resolved, That the money appropriated for the Building Fund be loaned out as soon as we have raised the sum of fifty dollars.

Adopted.

It was decided that our minutes be printed, as formerly, under cover of Minutes of Classis, and the Recording Secretary was empowered to take charge of the matter.

A communication was read from Mrs. Whitmore, suggesting that we help the *Journal* debt by sending on subscriptions for the *Journal* to missionaries and their wives. It was decided that, as there is no fund set apart for the *Journal* debt we should each get as many subscribers as possible.

Adjourned to meet at 1 p. m.

Meeting called to order at the stated time. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Ingle ; reading 11th chapter of John, and prayer.

Roll called: 11 members and a number of visitors present. Minutes of morning session read and accepted.

Reports from delegates were now taken up which were very interesting. They are embodied in the Corresponding Secretary's report as follows :

Concord, President Mrs. J. N. Faust, 18 members. Three public meetings held. Contributed to Home Missions \$44.34 ; to Foreign \$8.80 ; to Classical Society \$7.80.

Pilgrim: President, Miss Ida Hedrick. 16 active and 8 honorary members sent to Classical Society \$15.00; other purposes \$2.50. Two public meetings held. Miss Hedrick paid a beautiful tribute to three of their members who were removed by death the past year. Miss Jessie Conrad, Mrs. Flora Conrad Leonard and Mrs. Nora Hartman Leonard.

Grace, (East Rowan): President, Miss Daisy Fisher. 27 active, four

honorary members sent to Foreign Missions \$2.00; to Classical Society, \$5.07, and to Bethany Orphan's Home a box of clothing &c.

Bethel: President, Mrs. G. Lentz. 17 active, three honorary members. One public meeting held. Sent to Home Missions \$2.00, to Classical Society, \$9.01

New Gilead: President, Mrs. C. E. Suther. One honorary and 19 active members. One public meeting held. To Home Missions, \$18.00; Foreign, \$15.00; Classical Society, \$5.95; other purposes, \$75.80.

Corinth: President, Mrs. J. L. Murphy. One honorary and 12 active members. To Home Missions, \$3.00; Foreign, \$5.00; Classical Society, \$10.00; other purposes, \$25.65.

Bethany: President, Miss Jennie McNairy. Thirteen members. Six dollars sent to Classical Society.

St. Luke's: Mrs. Carrie Peeler, President. Eleven members. \$42.50 sent to Classical Society. Until the past few months this has been a Ladies Aid Society; they have raised in the last five years, \$166.31, most of which has been expended on their own Church.

There was no report from or delegate from several societies.

Recapitulation: Auxiliary Societies, 8.

Members, 131.

Honorary, 17.

Mission Bands, 6.

Members, 86.

Sent by Mission Bands to Home Missions, \$1.00.

To Foreign Missions, \$24.00.

The Treasurer submitted the following report which was adopted:

Left in treasury last year.....	\$16.40
Interest	.98

Life membership fees.....	25.00
Yearly members.....	1.00
Contributions	92.35

\$118.35

Expenses	11.50
Balance in treasury.....	\$106.85

Miss Lippard spoke of the *Mission Band Helper*, and Mrs. Ingle distributed sample copies of the *Woman's Journal*.

Committee on Courtesies offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the members of the W. M. S. of North Carolina Classis, send to Miss Fetzer an expression of their regret at her absence, and tell her how very much her counsel and parliamentary ability have been missed in our deliberations.

Although absent, we know that she has prayed for our welfare. We hope and pray that she may be with us another year.

Resolved, That the thanks of the W. M. S. of North Carolina Classis be given to the members of Grace Church and their friends who have so kindly and hospitably entertained us during this meeting.

We will ever remember our stay among them, and pray that this meeting may be of mutual benefit.

(Signed).

MRS. WHITENER,
MRS. INGLE,
MISS MOOSE.

Both resolutions were adopted.

An election of officers was held, resulting as follows :

President, Miss Mary Ida Hedrick.

Vice President, Mrs. G. T. Crowell.

Treasurer, Miss Mamie Clapp.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Frances Lippard.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. LeRoy R. Whitener.

Meeting closed with prayer by the President.

On Friday at 11 a. m. an open meeting was held. The following program was rendered :

Voluntary—Miss Addie Barrier.

Scripture Reading—President.

Prayer—Rev. Dr. Long.

Music—Hymn 137—Congregation.

Address of Welcome—Miss Daisy Fisher.

Response—Miss Clapp.

Solo—Mrs. J. N. Faust.

Recitation—Miss Addie Barrier.

Woman's Work for Women—Mrs. Lysterly.

President's Annual Address.

Music—Hymn 132—Congregation.

Children's Work—Miss Lippard.

Solo—Miss Lippard.

Offerings.

Remarks by the Brethren.

Benediction.

This closed the session.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE WHITENER,
Recording Secretary.

Statistical Report of North Carolina Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Reformed Church in the United States.

For the year ending May 3rd, A. D., 1899. I hereby certify that these statistics are carefully and officially prepared.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. of Congregations.		MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes of Synod	Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
		Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renew'l of profession	Dismissed.	Excommunicated	Erasure of Names.	Deaths Communicants.	Deaths Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.		
John Ingle	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Green Park, N. C.
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	Pres Catawba College.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Newton, N. C.
Peter M. Tretler, D. D.	Prof in Catawba College.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Newton, N. C.
Michael L. Hedrick	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Silver Hill, N. C.
John A. Foll, Ph. D.	Prof. in Catawba College.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Newton, N. C.
Paul Barringer	New Gillead	2	243	203	141	14	16	11	4	..	..	5	1	1	\$132	\$300	7	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Joseph L. Murphy	Hickory	3	226	197	102	7	8	1	2	..	..	4	3	3	147	1188	18	Hickory, N. C.
Jacob C. Leonard, B. D.	Prof. in Catawba College	4	177	170	185	14	15	8	..	..	..	3	1	1	135	370	25	Newton, N. C.
J. M. Luther Lyerly	Central Rowan	3	98	81	37	2	1	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	66	108	14	Crescent N. C.
James D. Andrew	Burlington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Burlington, N. C.
Julius H. Shuford	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Hickory, N. C.
Harvey A. M. Holshouser	Upper Davidson.	4	458	315	199	14	4	8	3	..	..	9	3	2	252	406	25	Lexington, N. C.
Wm. H. McNairy	East Rowan.	2	338	263	223	16	16	3	10	..	..	2	4	4	273	505	15	Rockwell, N. C.
B. Frank Davis.	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	West Chester, Pa.
Anthony Shulenberger	Without Charge.	2	196	185	145	17	1	6	1	..	..	5	2	1	82	380	15	China Grove, N. C.
Clarence Clapp.	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Newton, N. C.
Theodore C. Hesson	Lincoln	4	322	290	141	8	5	19	10	9	1	3	1	1	322	552	17	Maiden, N. C.
Lewis M. Kerschner	Lower Davidson.	5	363	261	136	11	6	13	8	..	..	3	1	1	56	262	25	McKee, N. C.
Charles H. Riedesel	Catawba	4	150	102	60	10	1	5	3	4	..	1	1	1	48	270	18	Conover, N. C.
Wm. A. Long, Ph. D.	Newton	1	148	137	60	4	1	5	6	..	..	1	1	1	153	89	10	Newton, N. C.
Jacob N. Faust	Concord	1	63	47	30	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	334	5	Concord, N. C.
Geo. A. Stauffer	Guilford	2	303	283	122	1	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	..	110	106	21	Darville, N. C.
Henry E. Seehler, (lic.)	Without Charge.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	China Grove, N. C.
Vacant	Thomasville	3	181	140	48	..	..	3	..	..	..	1	..	2	45	101	17	China Grove, N. C.
Vacant	Lenoir Mission	1	11	11	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	5	35	5	Lenoir, N. C.
Vacant	Mt. Bethel Mission.	1	24	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	13	45	4	Blowing Rock, N. C.
Vacant	Salisbury	1	13	7	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Salisbury, N. C.
23	43	3314	2704	1691	128	19	117	62	46	1	84	41	18	9	\$1,872	\$5,710	300	357

STATISTICAL SUMMARY,

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES, A. D. 1898.

CLASSES.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.						CONTRIBUTIONS.				
	Ministers.	No. of Congregations.	Communicants	Confirmed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Profession.	Dismissed.	Recommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Zion's	13	36	4875	3974	2606	285	25	257	98	35	2	55	73	43	8	\$ 4417 00	\$ 26515 00
Maryland	43	64	9774	7868	5417	454	37	380	197	201	140	149	107	9	9	13031 00	51610 00
Mercersburg	19	26	3569	2010	1597	98	66	161	74	44	19	51	23	7	7	4208 59	16015 00
Virginia	16	33	2567	2037	1251	74	63	106	74	45	15	48	7	1	1	3273 00	9211 00
North Carolina	23	43	3301	2011	1480	133	23	140	47	34	110	42	12	8	8	1568 00	7850 00
Gettysburg	18	29	5812	5177	3919	305	27	274	113	75	39	93	56	10	10	4788 00	17089 00
Carlisle	12	21	2522	2050	1365	109	31	93	62	64	35	54	7	5	5	2235 15	13243 54
Juniata	21	51	5915	5092	3216	241	78	240	142	189	93	108	33	5	5	5519 00	18953 00
Synod of Potomac (Total) ..	8	303	38335	31819	20841	1699	350	1657	807	687	2	506	618	288	48	\$ 39099 74	\$160487 17
Eastern Synod	12	296	97849	80477	51358	5342	575	4554	2768	1456	3	1634	1627	982	96	84326 00	438416 00
Ohio Synod	6	132	23946	19555	6239	836	542	1120	909	534	5	697	982	89	29	17945 00	101945 00
Synod of Pittsburgh	5	81	18100	15346	9614	892	166	977	774	395	1	468	230	82	16	21395 58	94173 02
Synod of the Northwest ..	11	154	214	20943	14588	1779	27	1128	799	222	15	571	297	204	33	17945 00	101945 00
German Synod of the East ..	5	64	14945	12156	11432	1997	37	853	542	77	1	572	279	260	11	9062 00	105151 00
Central Synod	5	94	21288	16173	11778	1146	81	971	593	213	2	667	271	150	31	13503 00	82275 00
Synod of the Interior	5	54	3238	2702	1511	117	72	173	170	101	1	174	39	15	7	4273 76	23753 52
Total 8 District Synods ..	57	1040	238044	193446	127461	13808	1850	11433	7362	4685	29	5229	3643	1980	271	\$297550 08	\$ 1108195 71

CLASSES.

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH
IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Seventieth Annual Session,

HELD IN
BEULAH REFORMED CHURCH,

Arnold, N. C.

April 18th-21st, 1900.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.
Observer Printing and Publishing House,
1900.

OFFICERS OF THE CLASSIS:

President: Rev. A. Shulenberger China Grove, N. C.
Stated Clerk: Rev. J. C. Leonard.....Newton, N. C.
Treasurer: Elder M. J. Rowe.....Newton, N. C

THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA

OF THE

Reformed Church in the United States.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1900.

The Classis of North Carolina of the Reformed Church in the United States met in seventieth annual session in Beulah Reformed Church, Upper Davidson Charge, Arnold, N. C., Wednesday, April 18th, 1900, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D., from Matt. xiii: 8.—“But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.”

After the sermon the Classis was regularly constituted. The roll call showed the presence of the following ministers and elders: Revs. M. L. Hedrick, J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, B. D., J. M. L. Lysterly, H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy, A. Shulenberger, T. C. Hesson, C. H. Riedesel, W. A. Long Ph. D., J. N. Faust, G. A. Stauffer, H. E. Sechler and G. Weber. Elders: A. W. Moose, New Gilead Charge; J. F. Wilhelm, Central Rowan; A. A. Michael, Upper Davidson; J. A. M. Brown, East Rowan; Levi Deal, West Rowan; Jefferson Hedrick, Lower Davidson; M. J. Rowe, Newton; A. G. Bost, Concord; J. T. Long, Thomasville; F. M. Holshouser, Salisbury.

The election of officers for the ensuing classical year was now held. The President appointed Revs. J. M. L. Lysterly and J. N. Faust tellers. The election resulted in the choice

of the following: Rev. A. Shulenberger, President; Rev. T. C. Hesson, Vice-President; Rev. G. Weber, Corresponding Secretary. Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

The bar of the house was defined to be the pews at the side and three in front of the chancel. The time of opening and closing the sessions of Classis was fixed as follows: Open at 9 o'clock a. m.; sermon or other devotional services at 11 o'clock, followed by an intermission of one hour and a quarter; adjourn at 4 o'clock p. m.

The following Standing Committees were appointed:

1. RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, M. L. Hedrick and Elder A. A. Michael.
2. MINUTES OF CLASSIS: Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. C. Clapp and Elder A. W. Moose.
3. MINUTES OF POTOMAC SYNOD: Revs. T. C. Hesson, W. H. McNairy and Elder J. F. Wilhelm.
4. MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD: Revs. J. D. Andrew, W. A. Long and Elder Levi Deal.
5. OVERTURES: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, C. H. Riedesel, and Elder Jefferson Hedrick.
6. EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., Paul Barringer and Elder M. J. Rowe.
7. NOMINATIONS: Revs. W. H. McNairy, G. Weber and Elder A. G. Bost.
8. FINANCE: Revs. J. L. Murphy, G. A. Stauffer and Elder J. T. Long.
9. EDUCATION: Revs. J. N. Faust, H. E. Sechler and Elder F. M. Holshouser.
10. MISSIONS: Revs. Paul Barringer, T. C. Hesson and Elder J. A. M. Brown.
11. RELIGION AND STATISTICS: Revs. W. A. Long, G. Weber and Elder A. A. Michael.

The session closed with the doxology, and the benediction by the President.

THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 19TH.

Classis was called to order by the President at 9 o'clock. The devotional services were conducted by the Stated Clerk. The roll call showed the presence of a quorum. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved. Rev. J. D. Andrew appeared and took his seat.

A committee consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy, G. Weber and H. E. Sechler, was appointed to report for the press.

The Classis proceeded to the hearing of parochial reports. These reports when read were referred to the committee on Religion and Statistics.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Classis took a recess until after the sermon by Rev. G. Weber and the noon intermission, the session closing with the doxology and the benediction.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Classis was called to order at the regular hour, and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Murphy. The roll was called and a quorum found present. Rev. L. M. Kerschner and Elders L. R. Whitener of the Hickory Charge, H. J. Crooks of the Lincoln Charge and L. W. Clapp of the Guilford Charge appeared and took their seats.

The reading of parochial reports was concluded.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Classis, Elder M. J. Rowe, submitted his annual report as follows :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina :

I beg leave to make my annual report for the year 1899-1900, as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Received on Apportionments :

CHARGES.	Contingent Fund.	Church Building.	Beneficiary Education.	Home Missions.	Catawba College.
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 30 71	\$201 75	\$ 50	\$273 48	\$ 26 00
Guilford Charge.....	16 00	10 00	10 00	85 00	9 00
Burlington Charge.....	7 00	3 60	3 60	21 60	3 25
Hickory Charge.....	14 00	9 00	9 00	59 00	9 26
Central Rowan Charge.....	8 00	4 90	4 90	29 00	4 55
West Rowan Charge.....	12 00	8 00	8 00	15 50	7 50
East Rowan Charge.....	17 00	10 00	10 00	64 00	9 03
Lincoln Charge.....	16 00	10 00	10 00	60 00	8 75
Thomasville Charge.....	6 00	3 25	3 25	19 15	3 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	19 00	12 00	12 00	68 00	9 50
Lower Davidson Charge.....	13 40	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Catawba Charge.....	6 00	3 50	3 50	21 00	3 25
Newton Charge.....	10 00	6 60	6 60	39 50	6 00
New Gilead Charge.....	11 00	7 50	7 50	45 00	6 50
Concord Charge.....	3 00	2 25	2 25	13 50	2 00
Salisbury Charge.....	50	50	50	3 95	50
Lenoir Mission.....	50	40	40	2 40	25
Mt. Bethel Charge.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	50
W. C. M. Society.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	\$195 11	\$294 25	\$ 93 00	\$826 08	\$109 84

Received for Foreign Missions :

Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 48 25
Salisbury Mission.....	1 00
Lenoir Mission.....	2 33
Ladies' Aid Society, Thomasville.....	5 00
Bethel Sunday School, East Rowan Charge.....	84 90
Bethel Sunday School, same charge, for H. K. Miller.....	5 00
Grace Congregation, East Rowan Charge.....	50 00
Willing Helpers, Newton.....	4 70
Grace Reformed Sunday School, Newton, for H. K. Miller.....	5 00
Hickory Charge, Corinth Congregation.....	15 00
Hickory Charge, Grace Congregation.....	3 76
Burlington Charge.....	7 35
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	6 00
Upper Davidson Charge.....	14 33
Lincoln Charge, Maiden Congregation.....	22 50
Total	\$275 12

Special Fund:

Grace Sunday School, Newton, Children's Day	\$ 8 69
Missionary Society, Mt. Pleasant, for Washington Church.....	5 82
Total	\$ 14 51

Sustentation Fund:

Balance from last year.....	\$121 24
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Private Subscription for Salisbury Mission:

Rev. P. Barringer	\$ 5 00
Rev. J. D. Andrew	5 00
Rev. A. C. Whitmer	5 00
Mrs. G. T. Crowell.....	5 00
Daniel Moose	5 00
Joel Corriher.....	5 00
A. P. Long	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Maiden Congregation.....	5 00
H. O. Deal	2 50
W. E. Deal.....	2 50
M. J. Rowe.....	5 00
P. E. Campbell.....	5 00
Rev. J. L. Murphy	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Hickory.....	5 00
J. E. Wilfong	5 00
Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.....	5 00
Miss Mary Moose.....	5 00
Rev. L. M. Kerschner...	5 00
E. D. A. Beaver	5 00
John A. Holshouser	5 00
Rev. H. E. Sechler.....	5 00
Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.....	5 00
Total.....	\$105 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out of Contingent Fund:

Transferred to Sustentation Fund	\$ 30 00
Rev. J. D. Andrew, Expenses to Synod	13 00
Printing Minutes of Classis	37 00
Salary and Expenses of Stated Clerk	29 59
Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	15 00
Salary and Expenses of Treasurer.....	14 50
Total	\$139 09
Balance in Treasury.....	56 02
Due Treasurer from Lower Davidson Charge.....	60

 Paid out of Church Building Fund :

Outstanding Note, Pledge for Salisbury Church	\$201 75
Balance in Treasury.....	92 50
Due Treasurer from Lower Davidson Charge	8 00

Paid out of Beneficiary Education Fund :

W. H. Causey, Student for the Ministry	\$ 75 00
Balance in Treasury.....	18 00
Due Treasurer from Lower Davidson Charge.....	8 00

Paid out of Home Mission Fund :

Transferred to Sustentation Fund.....	\$ 9 08
Treasurer Home Mission Board.....	265 35
Rev. H. E. Sechler, for Mt. Bethel Mission	175 00
Rev. C. H. Riedesel, for Catawba Charge.....	60 93

Total	\$510 36
Balance in Treasury.....	315 72
Due Treasurer from West Rowan Charge.....	32 50
Due Treasurer from Lower Davidson Charge.....	62 25

Paid out of Catawba College Fund :

Dr. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, balance due	\$ 26 00
Dr. J. A. Foil, Treasurer, for present year	61 25

Total	\$ 87 25
Balance in Treasury.....	22 59
Due from Lower Davidson Charge	6 25

Paid out of Foreign Mission Fund :

Dr. J. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	\$234 53
Balance in Treasury.....	40 59

Paid out of Sustentation Fund :

Rev. L. M. Kerschner, for Lower Davidson Charge.....	\$ 57 25
Rev. J. L. Murphy, for Mt. Bethel Mission.....	8 99
Rev. P. M. Trexler, for Lenoir Mission.....	7 00
Rev. C. H. Riedesel, for Catawba Charge	54 00

Total	\$121 24
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Paid out of Special Fund :

Rev. J. H. Bomberger, for Sunday School Board.....	\$ 8 69
Rev. A. C. Whitmer, for Washington Church.....	5 82

Total	\$ 14 51
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Paid out of Salisbury Subscription Fund :	
Rev. G. Weber, for Faith Church, Salisbury	\$ 65 00
Balance in Treasury	40 00

Respectfully submitted,
M. J. ROWE.

The report was referred to the Committee on Finance to audit.

MINUTES OF CLASSIS.

The Committee on the Minutes of Classis made the following report.

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

Your committee on the Minutes of Classis find the following items of unfinished business:

1. The permanent committee on Sunday Schools consists of Revs. J. D. Andrew, H. A. M. Holshouser and J. L. Murphy.
2. A committee consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy, T. C. Hesson and Mr. H. D. Warlick, was appointed with instructions to carry out the agreement reported by the committee in 1896 relative to the Lincolnton church property.
3. Rev. J. D. Andrew and the consistory of St. Mark's congregation were directed to carry out the instructions previously given with reference to the Union Frieden church property.
4. The Board of Education consists of Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly, and Elders S. T. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe.
5. Rev. J. D. Andrew was continued as chairman of the committee having charge of Stoner's church property.
6. Catawba charge was granted \$75 on the pastor's salary on condition that it raise \$225.
7. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, J. D. Andrew and H. A. M. Holshouser were appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing an Orphan's Home.
8. Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. M. L. Lyerly and J. L. Muphy were appointed to superintend church work conventions in specified districts.
9. Rev. Paul Barringer was appointed the Commissioner of Classis to secure certain pledges for the Reformed Church in Salisbury.
10. A committee consisting of Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, C. Clapp and M. L. Hedrick, was appointed to install Rev. J. N. Faust pastor of the Thomasville charge.
11. A committee of supply for the Concord charge was appointed, consisting of Revs. Paul Barringer, W. H. McNairy and J. M. L. Lyerly.

12. Revs. J. L. Murphy, C. Clapp and J. Ingle were appointed to ordain Licentiate H. E. Sechler, and install him pastor of the Blowing Rock charge.

13. It was ordered that \$175 be paid towards the support of the pastor of the Blowing Rock charge.

14. The Lenoir Mission was committed to the care of Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.

15. Rev. W. H. McNairy was appointed to organize a congregation at Rockwell, Rowan county.

16. Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly and Paul Barringer were appointed to install Rev. Gerny Weber pastor of Faith Reformed church, Salisbury.

17. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, G. Weber and A. Shulenberger were appointed to install Rev. W. H. McNairy pastor of Trinity Reformed church, Concord.

18. Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., was appointed the committee of supply for Lower Davidson charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

J. C. CLAPP,

A. W. MOOSE.

The report was considered by items and disposed of in the following action:

I. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee on Sunday Schools begs to report that statistical blanks partially filled were handed us by thirty-two schools. This is a much better report than in any previous year.

These blanks show that we have 132 officers, 199 teachers, 2768 scholars, with an average attendance of 1253. 13 schools are open 12 months, 10 are open 9 months 1 is open 11 months; 1, 6 months and 1, 7 months; 6 make no report. There are 502 scholars in full membership of the church. 15 schools report 937 baptized children. 63 scholars have been received into the church. 18 schools use Reformed Lesson Helps. 6 use other Helps and 8 give no answer on this matter. 3 schools have but one Department, 5 have 2, and 9 have 3, while 15 make no answer as to Departments.

The reports further show 648 volumes in the Libraries, and that a total of \$808 was raised by the schools for all purposes.

The Catechism is used in four schools.

Your committee would urge the use of Reformed Lesson Helps as far as possible and that all schools make an effort to remain open 12 months in the year.

Your committee would also call the attention of the schools to the new Reformed Sunday School Hymnal as admirably adapted for their use, and would recommend that every effort be made by our schools to meet the requirements of the Twentieth Century Movement in the increase of membership.

J. D. ANDREW,
J. L. MURPHY,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

The committee was appointed to act during the coming year. .

2. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to make some disposition of the Lincolnton church property beg leave to report: A deed for the interest which the Reformed Church had in the Emanuel church property has been executed by your committee to the trustees of the Lutheran church, W. A. Rudisill and C. H. Hauss, for the consideration of \$75. The money is deposited in the First National Bank of Hickory, subject to the order of Classis.

J. L. MURPHY,
T. C. HESSON.

In connection with this report the following action was taken:

RESOLVED, That the \$75 received from the sale of the Lincolnton church property be turned over to the Joint Consistory of the Lincoln charge to be held and invested by them as may seem best.

3. The following report was received and adopted:

The pastor of St. Mark's Reformed Church and Elder L. P. Shepherd met the Council of Frieden's Lutheran Church in Guilford county, Nov. 22nd, 1899, concerning the matter of a division of the Union Church property belonging to these two congregations. The Council promised to hold a congregational meeting to consider the propositions from the St. Mark's congregation. The trustee of Frieden's church officially informed the pastor of St. Mark's church on April 16th, 1900, that a congregational meeting had been held, when a resolution was passed refusing to consider any propositions whatever from the St. Mark's congregation

J. D. ANDREW, Pastor.

4. The following report was received and adopted:

The Board of Education presents the following report:

During the year one student for the ministry, Mr. W. H. Causey, has been under the care of the Board and received aid in the sum of \$75. Mr. Causey is now a member of the Senior class in Catawba College and will be graduated from that institution at the coming commencement. He asks no further aid in prosecuting his studies.

J. L. MURPHY.

M. J. ROWE,

J. C. CLAPP.

The Board was re-elected.

5. The following report was received and adopted:

As chairman of your committee to dispose of the Stoner's church property I beg leave to report that at different times during the year I visited the members of Stoner's church and consulted them about selling this property. They refuse to dispose of it and therefore nothing has been done.

J. D. ANDREW, Chairman

The committee was continued.

6. The conditions were complied with, and a proportional part of the money paid.

7. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of the establishment of a Church Orphan's Home for our Classis begs leave to report :

Up to this time nothing of a practical turn has come to hand, but having recently learned that there is a probability that something may be accomplished in connection with Boards already established in the way of a branch Home, your committee is of the opinion that it is advisable to appoint a committee looking to the practical turn that may be made by conferring with such Boards as may be of assistance in the accomplishment of our cherished object, and to report at some future special, or the next regular meeting of Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,

J. D. ANDREW.

The Committee was continued.

8. The Superintendents reported that most helpful and inspiring conventions had been held in each of the districts.

Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, J. D. Andrew and J. L. Murphy were appointed to superintend the work during the coming year.

9. The following report was received and adopted :

Your commissioner has turned over to the Treasurer of Classis \$105 for Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury.

PAUL BARRINGER,
Commissioner.

Rev. P. Barringer was continued as the Commissioner of Classis to secure the outside pledges the coming year.

10. The following report was received and adopted :

Rev. J. N. Faust was installed pastor of Thomasville Charge, August 27th, 1899, by two members of the committee, Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser and C. Clapp.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
Chairman.

11. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee on supply for Concord Charge performed its duty by supplying the charge with services as often as possible after its appointment until the charge received a regular pastor.

PAUL BARRINGER,
W. H. MCNAIRY,
J. M. L. LYERLY.

12. The following report was received and adopted :

Your Committee appointed to ordain and install Licentiate H. E. Sechler pastor of Blowing Rock Charge, beg leave to report that the duty was attended to by Revs. J. L. Murphy and J. Ingle, members of the Committee, on Nov. 9, 1899.

J. L. MURPHY,
Chairman.

13. The money was paid as directed.

14. The parochial report was read.

15. The following report was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina :

At a special meeting of the Classis held in Newton, I was authorized to organize a congregation at Rockwell as soon as practicable and to place it in the East Rowan Charge. I beg leave to report that on Thursday night, April 5, 1900, I organized a congregation with ten mem-

bers at Rockwell, N. C., under the name of Ursinus Reformed Church, and after the organization I placed it in the hands of Rev. Riedesel, now pastor of East Rowan Charge as directed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. MCNAIRY.

16. The following report was received and adopted :

The Committee to install Rev. Gerny Weber as pastor of Salisbury Mission, performed the duty Feb. 21, 1900.

J. C. CLAPP,
PAUL BARRINGER,
J. M. L. LYERLY.

17. The following report was received and adopted :

Your Committee appointed to install Rev. W. H. McNairy as pastor over Concord Charge, performed that duty on March 11th, 1900, all members of the Committee being present.

J. M. L. LYERLY,
GERNY WEBER,
A. SHULENBERGER.

18. The following report was received and adopted :

The Committee of supply for the Lower Davidson Charge till the present meeting of Classis attended to the duty.

J. C. CLAPP,
Committee.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The time for adjournment was extended one hour.

OVERTURES.

The committee on Overtures made the following report :

Your committee on Overtures beg leave to make the following report of papers received :

1. A request for the adoption of a resolution condemning the use of fermented wine at Communion.
2. A report from Rev. J. H. Shuford in which he asks to be excused for non-attendance.
3. A request from Hebron congregation of the Upper Davidson Charge asking aid to build a church.
4. A request from the Consistory of Lenoir Mission with reference to supply and asking aid.
5. A report from Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.; also request to be excused for non-attendance.

6. A request from the supply of Lenoir Mission relative to appropriation of certain money.
7. Joint request from Pastor and people of West Rowan, to dissolve the pastoral relation.
8. A request from D. E. Bowers, that he be received under the care of Classis as a student for the ministry.
9. A joint request from Pastor and people of Catawba Charge, to dissolve the pastoral relation.
10. Catawba Charge requests Classis to make provision to give it regular service.
11. Report from the Board of Foreign Missions.
12. Request from Rev. L. M. Kerschner, (a) to be excused from further attendance at the sessions of Classis ; (b) a dismissal to the Orange Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, South.
13. A request from the joint consistory of the Burlington Charge for \$500 towards building a church in the town of Burlington.
14. Pastoral call from East Rowan to Rev. C. H. Riedesel.
15. Request from Lower Davidson Charge for aid in support of pastor

J. M. L. LYERLY,
C. H. RIEDESEL,
JEFFERSON HEDRICK.

The report was considered by items and disposed of in the following action :

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend to our churches thoughtful consideration of the use of unfermented wine in the Holy Communion.
2. Rev. J. H. Shuford was excused for absence from the present meeting of Classis.
3. Referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. P. Barringer, J. N. Faust and Elder H. J. Crooks.
4. Referred to the Committee on Missions.
5. Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., was excused for absence from this meeting of Classis.
6. The Treasurer of Classis was directed to pay to Rev. P. M. Trexler, supply for the Lenoir Mission, \$20 out of funds in his hands originally intended for the Blowing Rock Charge, now dissolved.
7. The request was granted, and the West Rowan Charge declared vacant.
8. The request was granted and Mr. D. E. Bowers was received under the care of the Classis.
9. The request was granted and the Catawba Charge declared vacant.
10. *Resolved*, That Trinity and St. John's congregations of the Catawba Charge be committed to the care of Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., and that St. Paul's and Smyrna congregations of the same charge be placed under

the care of Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., and that Drs. Foil and Clapp be instructed to co-operate with the Catawba Charge and urge the charge to call a pastor as soon as possible.

11. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

12. The request in sub-item (a) was granted; (b) was referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy, G. Weber and Elder J. A. M. Brown.

13. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

14. The call being in order was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to install Rev. C. H. Riedesel pastor of the East Rowan Charge: Revs. G. Weber, J. M. L. Lysterly and W. H. McNairy.

15. *Resolved*, That the Classis cannot see its way clear to grant the request.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The special committee created under item 12 of the report on Overtures reported as follows:

Your committee recommend that Rev. L. M. Kerschner be dismissed to the Presbyterian Church.

J. L. MURPHY,
GERNY WEBER.
J. A. M. BROWN.

The report was adopted and the officers of Classis were instructed to furnish a certificate of dismissal.

Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., was excused for absence from this meeting of Classis.

The election of a Treasurer was referred to the committee on Nominations.

The following sums were referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment:

Salary and expenses of Treasurer, \$14.30; salary and expenses of Stated Clerk, \$31.50; Rev. J. L. Murphy, expenses incurred in connection with Lower Davidson Charge \$4.60; Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., supply of Lower Davidson Charge, \$2.00; Rev. J. D. Andrew, expenses as Chairman of the permanent Committee on Sunday Schools, \$1.45; printing the minutes of Classis, \$45.

The Treasurer of Classis was directed to pay to Rev. J. L. Murphy \$5 out of the funds in his hands paid on apportionment for the Blowing Rock Charge as constituted last year, on account of expenses incurred as supply.

The following resolution with reference to the Lower Davidson charge was adopted :

WHEREAS, The condition of the Lower Davidson Charge is peculiarly critical and the need of pastoral care is urgent,

Resolved, That Rev. Henry E. Sechler be appointed as supply to begin work immediately on the expiration of his year's work in Mt. Bethel Mission, May 20th, 1900, and that the members of the several congregations be urged to give Brother Sechler a liberal support.

The following action was taken with reference to Mt. Bethel Mission :

Resolved, That Mt. Bethel Mission be placed under the care of Rev. Clarence Clapp, with an appropriation of \$25, when the mission becomes vacant on the resignation of Rev. H. E. Sechler.

The time of adjournment having arrived, the session closed with the doxology, and the benediction by the President.

FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 20TH.

Classis was called to order at the regular time, and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Murphy. The roll call showed the presence of a quorum. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

MINTUES OF POTOMAC SYNOD.

The committee on the Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac made the following report:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

Your committee on the Minutes of the Potomac Synod find the following items requiring your attention:

1. Revs. J. D. Andrew, T. C. Hesson, W. H. McNairy, J. N. Faust and J. L. Murphy were present from the North Carolina Classis.

2. Synod calls attention to certain irregularities:

(a.) The Stated Clerk of the North Carolina Classis fails to provide complete marginal notes to his minutes.

(b.) Only one of the three members of the committee was present at the installation of Rev. J. D. Andrew.

3. Synod urges upon the pastors the necessity of lifting the offering for Beneficiary Education early in the classical year.

4 Synod advises against the pressure of the endowment claim of Catawba College just now.

5. The attention of the Classes is directed to Rule 2, touching the reception of applicants for beneficiary aid and the utmost care is urged in their reception.

6. The following persons were nominated for trustees of Catawba College:

W. H. Williams, D. M. Carpenter, Rev. J. D. Andrew, John E. Roller, Rev. C. Clever, D. D., Rev. J. C. Leonard; and Hon. C. H. Mebane, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge McCorkle.

7. Classes and pastors are urged to co-operate with the Board of Home Missions in raising \$30,000 for a Memorial church in Washington, D. C.

8. Synod directs the attention of the Classes, congregations and individual members anew to the importance of church building funds.

9. (a) The Twentieth Century Movement in behalf of Home Missions is heartily commended to the co-operation of the Classes and congregations.

(b.) Synod requests each Classis to appoint a committee of three and that each Classis instruct each consistory to appoint a committee of three to co-operate in this work.

(c.) Synod requests each Classis to hold a meeting in the interest of this movement at its next annual meeting and that Classis direct each congregation to hold such conventions and request pastors to preach special sermons on the subject.

10. The Classes are instructed to urge upon congregations the necessity of paying their full apportionments to both Home and Foreign missions as early in the classical year as possible.

11. Synod commends anew the cause of Foreign Missions to the several Classes.

12. Synod calls the attention of classical Treasurers to the rule in regard to the payment of funds to the proper treasurers.

13. Synod apportions the following amounts of money to the Classis of North Carolina:

- (a.) Home Missions, \$575.
- (b.) Foreign Missions, \$425.
- (c.) Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$60.
- (d.) Work among the Germans, \$30.
- (e.) Harbor Missions, \$11.
- (f.) Beneficiary Education, \$300.
- (g.) Theological Seminary, \$52.
- (h.) Catawba College, \$90.
- (i.) Contingent Fund of the Potomac Synod, \$15.
- (j.) Contingent Fund of General Synod, \$75.

14. The attention of the Classis is called to an arrearage for Calvin College.

15. Synod commends to Classes, congregations and Sunday Schools the suggestions and recommendations of General Synod and its Sunday School Board to promote the welfare of our Sunday Schools.

16. Pastors, Consistories and people are urged to patronize their own periodical and book departments and to pay their bills promptly and to make a special effort for the wide circulation of the *Messenger*.

17. Bethany Orphans' Home and St. Paul's Orphans' Home are commended anew to the churches and Sunday Schools within the bounds of Synod and it is earnestly requested that the Christmas offerings be devoted to this cause.

18. Synod commends anew the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and its claims to the sympathy and support of her Classes, pastors and congregations, and recommends that all pastors be urged to secure an offering from their respective congregations during the Synodical year in behalf of the Society's work.

19. The next annual meeting of the Synod of the Potomac will be held in the Reformed Church of Mercersburg, Pa., on Tuesday evening Oct. 2nd., A. D. 1900, at 7:30 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HESSON,

W. H. MCNAIRY,

J. F. WILHELM.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. Revs J. L. Murphy and T. C. Hesson were granted \$12 each in part payment of expenses.

2. (a) Not adopted. (b) Adopted.

3. Adopted.

4. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That in view of the great present financial prosperity of the country, it is the opinion of the Classis that the Synod of the Potomac should take advantage of this time and complete the \$17,000 endowment for Catawba College.

5. Adopted.

6. The persons nominated were elected as follows: W. H. Williams, D. M. Carpenter, Rev. J. D. Andrew, Gen. J. E. Roller, Rev. C. Clever, D. D., Rev. J. C. Leonard and Hon. C. H. Mebane.

7. Adopted.

8. Adopted.

9. (a) Adopted. (b) Adopted. The committee of Classis consists of Revs. J. D. Andrew, G. Weber, and J. L. Murphy. (c) Adopted and the attention of the committee on Religious Services called to the request.

10. Adopted.

11. Adopted.

12. Adopted.

13. (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e), were referred to the committee on Missions (f) Not assumed. (g) \$25 assumed. (h) and (i) assumed. (j) \$25 assumed this year.

14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19, were severally adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

CATAWBA COLLEGE.

In the absence of the usual report from the Trustees of Catawba College, due to the death of the President of its Board, Judge M. L. McCorkle, the President of the College submitted the following report, which, after being read, was referred to the Committee on Education :

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

DEAR BRETHREN—At your request the President of Catawba College begs leave to submit the following report on that institution :

Since the last meeting of your reverend body, the Trustees have added to the Matron's Hall an annex of eight elegant rooms, with broad aisles, and great improvements on the old building. A large dining room has also been added.

Prof. J. C. Leonard visited the Ohio, Pittsburg, Eastern and Potomac Synods, and secured \$5,000 for buildings at Catawba College ; \$1,500 of this amount has been expended on the Matron's Hall.

The Board of Trustees has decided to double the college buildings, providing an elegant and commodious chapel for commencements and other public entertainments, a college library, society hall, a commercial department, a president's office, a chemical laboratory, and rooms for various cabinets. For these buildings \$3,500 of Synodical gifts remain, and \$2,200 have been subscribed by liberal friends in Hickory, Newton and Maiden. Pledges for additional amounts have been given. These gifts of home friends must be increased to equal the gifts of the Synods at least, or to exceed them. With a hearty following of the example set by the noble donors who have each given \$1,000, our present needs of building will be met.

The number of students remains full. Eight will graduate the 17th

proximo. Good work has been done the past year. The teaching force has not been worked so hard as heretofore, and has had more time for canvassing and outdoor work. This extra time has told in increased funds and number of students and in better preparation for teaching and greater vigor for the work. An increased number of young ladies has been in attendance, since the addition to the Matron's Hall. A professor in science is needed and also a professor in Latin is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The committee on the Minutes of General Synod made the following report :

Your committee on Minutes of General Synod begs leave to report as follows :

1. Revs. W. A. Long and J. D. Andrew attended the meeting of Synod at Tiffin, Ohio, May 23, 1899, as delegates from this Classis.

2. Classes are directed to pay their apportionments for mission work among the Germans in large cities to the Treasurer of General Synod's Board of Home Missions through the Treasurers of the District Synods.

3. The creation of Church Building Funds is commended anew to individual members of the Church, of large and of smaller means, to congregations, Classes, societies, and institutions throughout the Church.

4. The energetic work of all the Missionary Societies of the Church is commended, and it is urged that they be given all possible sympathy and encouragement by Synods, Classes, and congregations.

5. A resolution that each Classis be requested to divide its territory into districts to be composed of not more than five contiguous charges, in each of whose congregations a convention of two or more sessions shall be held during the year.

6. Classes are directed to urge the congregations under their care so to distribute their benevolence that the apportionment for Home Missions may receive the prompt and united support of the whole Church.

7. Classes are urged to appoint a financial agent, whose duty it shall be to coöperate, without salary, with the Field Secretary in gathering funds for Home Missions and Church Building.

8. The attention of Synods, Classes, congregations and members is challenged to the plain, common-sense statement that the \$40,000 appropriated for the Foreign Mission Board is wanted in actual payments.

9. The General Synod heartily commends the Orphan Homes of the Church to the earnest prayers and liberal support of all our Classes, pastors, consistories and people.

10. General Synod commends to all the Classes and consistories the

work of the Deaconesses, and requests their earnest prayers and support for the cause.

11. The General Synod cordially approves the Twentieth Century Movement, as inaugurated by the Sunday School Board, and requests the coöperation of Synods and Classes in reaching the Sunday Schools of the Church in order to assure the success of the movement.

12. General Synod makes earnest request of the District Synods, and especially of the Classes, to take measures whereby an annual offering will be secured on Children's Day, or some other day, from all the Sunday Schools of the Church for the Missionary Department of the Board.

13. The organization of the Home Department is commended to the Schools of the Church, together with the publication entitled "The Home Department Quarterly".

14. The attention of the Classes is called to the fact that the Sunday School Statistical Blank is a part of the regular Church statistics, and that Synod requires this blank to be filled regularly and correctly.

15. General Synod recommends to the Sunday Schools of the Church through the Classes the use of the Reformed Lesson Helps and Periodicals published by the Board.

16. The amendment to the amendment of article 46 of the Constitution is transmitted to the Classes of the Church for approval or rejection.

17. An amendment to article 83 of the Constitution is referred to the Classes for approval.

18. General Synod instructs the District Synods and Classes to comply strictly with the requirements of the Constitution of the Church in the reception of ministers from other denominations.

19. The special attention of the Synods and Classes is directed to the apportionment of six cents per member for church building purposes.

20. The next triennial meeting of General Synod will be held in Baltimore, Md., on Tuesday, May 20th, A. D. 1902, at 8 p. m.

J. D. ANDREW,
LEVI DEAL.

The report was considered by items and disposed of in the following action :

1. Rev. W. A Long was granted \$5.50 and Rev. J. D. Andrew \$4.50 in part payment of expenses.

2, 3 and 4 were adopted.

5 was adopted and the subject matter was referred to the superintendents of church work districts.

6. Adopted.

7. Adopted, and Rev. J. C. Leonard was appointed to assist Financial Secretary Rev. C. E. Creitz in the Home Mission work.

8, 9, 10 and 11 were adopted.

12. *Resolved*, That the attention of pastors, consistories and Sunday Schools be called to the blessing resulting from a proper observance of Children's Day, and that they be urged to see that an annual offering be secured from the Sunday Schools of the Church for the Missionary Department of the Board.

13, 14 and 15 were adopted.

16 and 17 were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and Elder L. W. Clapp.

18 was adopted.

19 was referred to the Committee on Missions.

20 was adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

The Classis now took a recess until after the exercises by the Woman's Classical Missionary Society and the usual noon intermission.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Classis was called to order at the stated hour, and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Andrew. The roll call showed a quorum present. Revs. P. Barringer and C. H. Riedesel, and Elders L. W. Clapp and J. T. Long were excused from further attendance.

MISSIONS.

The committee on Missions reported as follows :

Your committee on Missions ask to make the following report :

1. Lenoir Mission requests an appropriation of \$25 towards the salary of a pastor.

We recommend that \$20 be granted on condition that regular service be held at least once a month.

2. The Burlington charge asks for \$500 towards the erection of a Church in the town of Burlington.

We recommend that \$400 be given in four annual installments of \$100 each, and that \$100 be apportioned this year for this purpose.

3. A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions.

We recommend the incorporation of this paper in the minutes of Classis.

4. The General Synod requests that six cents per member be raised for Church building.

We recommend that pastors make efforts to secure the amount.

5. The Synod apportions to Classis \$575 for Home Missions.

In view of the interests of the Reformed Church in Lexington and High Point, we recommend the adoption of the following :

WHEREAS, There is urgent necessity for establishing Reformed Churches in the towns of High Point and Lexington, and

WHEREAS, The Board of Missions already has under contemplation the enrollment of High Point as a Mission under its care.

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina most earnestly and affectionately overture the Board of Missions to heed this urgent call that comes from the South.

Resolved, That the Board be urged to take up these two points as one mission and place a man over them by the first of July, if possible, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Resolved, That because of the urgency of the case the interests at these two points be committed to the care of Revs. J. C. Leonard and H. A. M. Holshouser until the action of the Board may open the way for future action.

Resolved, That the Classis assume the full apportionment for Home Missions with the understanding that \$500 go to the support of these interests, should the Board fail to enroll them as a Mission.

Resolved, That in case the Mission Board place a Missionary in charge of these points, the Classis pledge the sum of \$400 towards the building of a church in each town, and that the Treasurer of Classis be instructed to borrow the amount, giving his note for the same.

6. Believing that the Foreign Mission work will best be carried on by free-will offerings we recommend the following :

Resolved, That the cause of Foreign Missions be earnestly commended to our people and that each pastor be directed to take at least one offering for this cause.

7. We do not see our way clear to assume the amounts asked for Hungarian Missions, work among the Germans and Harbor Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER,
T. C. HESSON,
J. A. M. BROWN.

The report was considered by items, each item separately adopted and the report finally adopted as a whole.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions mentioned in the action on the report of the committee on Missions is as follows :

To the Classis of North Carolina :

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: In presenting your Reverend Body a succinct statement of the progress and present condition of our

Foreign Mission work, we are thankful to be able to say that, although during the past year our Mission in Japan has labored under special and unusual hindrances, to which we refer below, yet our work has been blessed with its usual success in our schools, in our evangelistic work and in the ingathering of souls into the Church of Christ.

Prior to the going into effect of the Revised Treaties, there existed, though in a gradually abating form, a deep seated anti-foreign feeling on the part of the Japanese, and a hostile sentiment against Christianity as a foreign religion. Since that event there is a manifest abatement of that hostility. There has been a growing interest in, and attendance upon the preaching of the gospel. Crowds listen with deep interest and apparent seriousness.

Although the nation has been and still is much absorbed in political, military and commercial interests, yet among the higher and educated classes, there is a decided interest appearing, to the claims of Christianity, and a corresponding loss of confidence in their old religions. There is a kind of under current—a process of learning in favor of Christianity. And experienced and observant Missionaries are looking for something of a pentecostal movement in the early future. The outlook is decidedly hopeful.

Circumstances have caused the Board to move more promptly in carrying into effect the instructions of General Synod, to plant a new Mission in China, than was at first expected. In consequence of Rev. Hoy's asthma, which admonished him not to spend another winter in Sendai, he hastened to China last fall, and has, besides studying the language in Hankow, been endeavoring to arrange for the establishing of the proposed work, in the neighboring province of Hunan. The praiseworthy action of the Columbiana, O., congregation, in assuming the support of a Missionary in China, for seven years, has enabled the Board to send out Rev. F. Cromer as a companion for Rev. Hoy. Rev. Cromer sailed February 17, 1900, and reached Sendai in due time, and quite recent intelligence is to the effect that he has left Sendai to join Rev. Hoy in China.

We cannot look for early fruit from this new enterprise. First and foremost our Missionaries must learn that most difficult language, which will require some two or three years, and as was our experience in planting our Mission in Japan, we must expect that for about that term we will have to be content to have our Missionaries report progress. A reinforcement will no doubt be called for to establish a school or schools in a year or two. Schools are the seed-beds for future harvests, and as such, are of prime importance.

Our Mission in Japan has been sorely afflicted during the last year, by the failure of the health of three of our Missionaries.

Dr. Moore has been disabled for more than a year by grave ill-

ness. He was compelled to come to this country, and after spending part of the winter in the climate of California, he came east last January. We are happy in saying that he is now regaining health, and hopes to be able to return to Japan, to resume his work.

Miss Zurfluh was afflicted with a severe attack of typhoid fever, which disabled her for several months, and has not yet regained her normal strength.

Miss Rohrbaugh has completely broken down with nervous prostration, and was compelled to hasten to this country. She has arrived and will resort to the Sanitarium at Clifton Springs, New York, for treatment and recuperation. It is hoped that she will be able to return to Japan in a year.

The Board has been endeavoring to appoint and send forward the reinforcement of two additional men and one lady as authorized by General Synod. Rev. W. E. Lampe and wife have already reached Japan, and the Board hopes to be able to send out, in a month or two, an additional male Missionary and two ladies. In consequence of the retirement of Mrs. M. C. Gill, (nee Hollowell) the necessity arises for two instead of one lady teacher. The Board has been much perplexed to find ladies of sufficiently mature education, who are willing to consecrate themselves to this sacred service. There is now one under appointment, and a second is expected to be appointed on April 18th. They will be hastened forward to Japan at an early date.

In conclusion the Board begs to call the attention of your Reverend Body to the straitened condition of its finances. Our treasury is now several thousand dollars in arrears and for prompt relief it earnestly appeals to you. That our onward movement may not be arrested, the Board respectfully requests your Classis to take prompt and urgent action. Be pleased to accept the full apportionment, and such additional action as may be necessary to insure its full payment.

Your Brother in the Lord,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions.

Mechanicsburg, Pa., April 16, 1900.

The Special Committee on the request of Hebron Church submitted the following report :

Your Committee to whom was referred item 3 of the report on Overtures beg leave to report as follows :

It is not evident to your committee that the Hebron congregation of the Upper Davidson charge has made an effort to build a church and so shown to Classis what it can do and really needs; therefore your committee recommend that an earnest effort on the part of the Hebron congregation for the erection of their church be made during the coming

classical year and that they report their actual needs at the next annual meeting of the Classis.

PAUL BARRINGER,
J. N. FAUST,
H. J. CROOKS.

The report was adopted.

EDUCATION.

The committee on Education made the following report :

The committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report :

We are in receipt of the report from Catawba College. We are gratified to know that improvements are being continually made about the college property. We also rejoice in the prospect of large improvements on the college buildings, which will undoubtedly bring a new zeal for work to the students. Other Synods and Classes are helping the college. We are glad to hear it. Brethren, we would encourage the institution by our feeble report.

We would also commend this beloved institution of ours to the prayerful attention of the brethren. We would also ask them to do all for her encouragement, both financially and in trying to induce our people to send their sons and daughters to her beloved halls to drink of the fountains ever sparkling with knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,
J. N. FAUST,
H. E. SECHLER,
F. M. HOLSHOUSER.

The report was adopted.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

The committee on Examination and Licensure made the following report :

The Committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report that no applicant was referred to them.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. CLAPP,
P. BARRINGER,
M. J. ROWE.

The report was adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

The committee on Nominations made the following report :

The committee on Nominations beg leave to present the name of Elder M. J. Rowe for the office of Treasurer of Classis.

W. H. McNAIRY,
G. WEBER,
A. G. BOST.

The report was adopted, and Elder M. J. Rowe was elected Treasurer.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD.

Classis proceeded to the election of delegates to the Synod of the Potomac. Revs. J. D. Andrew and W. H. McNairy and Elders A. A. Michael and L. W. Clapp were appointed tellers. The election resulted in the choice of the following:

PRIMARI: Ministers—J. M. L. Lyerly, H. A. M. Holsouser, J. C. Leonard, P. Barringer, J. L. Murphy, G. Weber, J. N. Faust, and C. H. Riedesel. Elders—A. W. Moose, A. G. Bost, H. J. Crooks, M. J. Rowe, F. M. Holshouser, J. A. M. Brown, L. W. Clapp, J. T. Long.

SECUNDI: Ministers—G. A. Stauffer, J. A. Foil, Ph. D., H. E. Sechler, T. C. Hesson, J. D. Andrew, W. H. McNairy, A. Shulenberger, and J. C. Clapp, D. D. Elders—L. R. Whitener, A. A. Michael, L. Deal, J. Hedrick, J. F. Wilhelm, D. M. Carpenter, L. Shepherd, and G. F. Thomason.

It was decided that the expenses of two delegates to Synod be paid in part.

Elders J. A. M. Brown and Levi Deal were excused from further attendance.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Classis at this point proceeded to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting. Shiloh Reformed Church of the Central Rowan charge, Faith, N. C., was selected as the place, and Wednesday, May 1st, 1901, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. as the time.

Classis adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction by Rev. P. Barringer.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 21ST.

The Classis was called to order at the regular time, and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D. The roll was called and a quorum found present. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The committee on Religious Services reported as follows :

To the Classis of North Carolina: Your committee on Religious Services beg leave to report the following appointments for services :

Wednesday, 2:30 o'clock p. m.—Opening sermon, Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D.

Thursday, 11 o'clock a. m.—Sermon, Rev. Gerny Weber.

Friday, 11 o'clock a. m.—Service conducted by the Woman's Classical Missionary Society.

Saturday, 11 o'clock a. m.—Preparatory service, sermon, Rev. T. C. Hesson.

Saturday, 1:30 o'clock p. m.—Service in the interest of the Twentieth Century Movement. 1. Address, Rev. J. D. Andrew, on Missions; 2. Address, Rev. J. L. Murphy, on Sunday School Work; 3. Address, Rev. J. C. Clapp, D.D., on Education.

Sunday, 10 o'clock a. m.—Sunday School Addresses by Revs. J. C. Leonard and J. N. Faust.

Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m.—Communion service. Sermon, Rev. G. A. Stauffer, assisted by Revs. T. C. Hesson, J. N. Faust, and J. C. Leonard.

Sunday, 2 o'clock p. m.—Sermon, Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.

Sermon in the Academy, Rev. J. L. Murphy.

Closing services of Classis :

1. Hymn announced by Rev. J. C. Leonard.
2. Prayer by Rev. Gerny Weber.
3. Address by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.
4. Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer and Doxology by the Classis.
5. Benediction by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
M. L. HEDRICK,
A. A. MICHAEL.

The report was adopted.

FINANCE.

The committee on Finance made the following report :

Your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows :

We have examined the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with the same and find it correct. We recommend its adoption. We further report the following apportionment for objects of benevolence referred to us :

CHARGES.	Contingent Fund.	Church Building.	Theological Seminary.	Home Missions.	Catawba College.
Guilford	\$ 15 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 1 50	\$ 65 00	\$ 9 00
Burlington	7 00	7 20	1 00	24 00	3 25
Hickory	14 00	19 00	2 25	55 00	9 25
Central Rowan	8 00	9 80	1 50	30 00	4 55
West Rowan	11 00	16 00	1 50	48 00	7 50
East Rowan	17 00	20 00	2 25	64 00	9 00
Lincoln	15 50	20 00	3 00	66 00	8 75
Thomasville	7 00	8 00	1 00	20 00	3 00
Upper Davidson	19 00	24 00	3 00	68 00	9 50
Lower Davidson	7 35	11 00	1 00	50 00	7 25
Catawba	4 00	7 00	75	20 00	3 25
Newton	10 00	14 00	2 00	40 00	6 00
New Gilead	10 00	15 00	1 00	45 00	6 50
Concord	4 00	5 00	75	14 00	2 00
Salisbury	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	50
Lenoir	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	25
Mt. Bethel	1 00	1 00	50	3 00	50
Total	\$152 85	\$200 00	\$ 25 00	\$620 00	\$ 90 00

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY,

G. A. STAUFFER.

The report was adopted.

RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

The committee on Religion and Statistics made the following report:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your committee on Religion and Statistics beg leave to offer the following report:

As we examine the Parochial reports we find that faithful work was done during the last year.

The word was preached, the sacraments were administered, the children baptized and taught the doctrines and duties of our Holy religion, the sick were visited, the dead were buried and the afflicted were directed to God for their comfort and consolation.

There are signs of advancement in the different departments of our church work. The membership has increased; \$1700 more was contributed for congregational purposes than last year; two new churches were

built; our educational institutions have prospered both in the number of students and in a temporal way. And it is gratifying to learn of the continued interest of the whole church in these institutions by their recent pledge of \$5,000.

The spiritual life of the people is deepening. The people are to be congratulated for their missionary activity and for their liberality with which they respond to the appeals made to them for the spread of Christ's kingdom.

The Classis is to be commended for its missionary zeal and enterprise in preparing the way during the year for the taking up of the work at High Point and Lexington. It is encouraging to learn that the Mission congregations appreciate what Classis does for them, that they are willing to do their part and that the work is advancing. Classis contributed \$350 more for benevolence than last year. Church work conventions have been held with much interest and arrangements have already been made for them the next year.

May we all be encouraged in the work and trust in God who will make all things work together for good if we love Him.

Respectfully submitted,

GERNY WEBER,
A. A. MICHAEL.

The report was adopted.

The statistics will be found in the appendix.

PRESS REPORTS.

The committee on Reporting for the Press reported as follows:

Your committee appointed to report for the Press beg leave to say that reports have been sent to the *Charlotte Observer*, *Concord Standard*, and the *Salisbury Truth-Index* and *Salisbury Sun*.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY,
GERNY WEBER,
H. E. SECHLER.

The report was adopted.

The special committee on Amendments to the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States reported as follows:

Your committee to whom were referred items 16 and 17 of the report on the Minutes of General Synod proposing amendments to Articles 46 and 83 of the Constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States, recommend the adoption of the Amendments as sent down by the General Synod.

J. D. ANDREW,

J. L. MURPHY.

The report was adopted and the Amendments approved.

It was ordered that \$7.50 due on the Church Building Fund and \$6.16 due the Catawba College Fund be paid out of the Contingent Fund.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Classis be extended to the members and friends of Beulah Reformed Church for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained Classis.

Resolved, That we carry with us most pleasant memories of our sojourn among them and that we pray God's blessing to rest upon them.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Classis be extended the Southern Railway and the Carolina and North Western Railway for courtesies extended.

Pending adjournment the minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

The roll was called and all members not previously excused answered to their names except Rev W. A. Long, who was absent on account of sickness, and was excused. The closing services provided in the report on Religious Services were now observed, and the President declared the Classis adjourned

A. SHULENBERGER, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in

Hedrick's Grove Reformed Church, McKee, N. C., July 10th, 1899, at 1 o'clock, p. m., in obedience to the following call of the President:

NEWTON, N. C., June 23rd, 1899.

DEAR BRO: There will be a meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Hedrick's Grove Reformed Church, McKee, N. C., July 10th, 1899, at 1 o'clock p. m. to hear the report of the special committee on items 11 and 12 of the report of the committee on Overtures. Notify your elder.

W. A. LONG,
President.

In the absence of the President, the Stated Clerk called the Classis to order and nominated Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, President *pro tem*. The latter took the chair and conducted the devotional exercises.

The roll call showed the presence of the following members:

Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lyerly, H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy, L. M. Kerschner, J. N. Faust and M. L. Hedrick; Elders A. P. Long, T. W. S. Grimes, R. T. Lippard and P. J. Hedrick.

The following Elders were invited to seats as advisory members: David Crotts, Andrew Crotts, Wm. Cox, Eli Hedrick, Allen Hedrick, A. G. Bost, M. Swing and Jefferson Hedrick.

The call was read. The special committee reported on item 11 as follows:

Your committee to whom were referred items 11 and 12 of the report of the committee on Overtures beg leave to report. The committee held a meeting at Hedrick's Grove on the 30th of May, 1899, there being present J. L. Murphy and R. T. Lippard. On item 11 your committee report as follows:

Three petitions containing the names of ninety-five persons were placed in our hands. These petitions charge that Rev. L. M. Kerschner has lost his influence as pastor, and pray that the pastoral relation between him and the Lower Davidson charge be dissolved. On investigation it was learned that ninety-two of these persons are *bona fide* members of the

congregations composing the Lower Davidson charge, three being the names of persons excommunicated or suspended.

From examination of persons and investigation the following facts were learned:

1. Rev. L. M. Kerschner has lost his influence

(a) In Beck's congregation.

(b) Partly in Hedrick's Grove.

(c) With seven persons of Mt. Carmel.

2. That in Jerusalem and Mt. Tabor he has not lost his influence, but is honored and respected as a minister.

It was further learned that he has lost his influence from the following causes:

(a) Indiscretion in Politics.

(b) Alleged illegal registration before election.

(c) Preaching and working against the making and selling of liquor.

It is worthy of note that Rev. Kerschner is supported by his official members except at Beck's, and save an elder and deacon at Mt. Carmel.

J. L. MURPHY,
R. T. LIPPARD.

The report was adopted and the following action was taken:

Recalling the words of the Lord Jesus: "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God;" and also bearing in mind the fact that peace is the heritage to which all true disciples are heirs since the Master himself said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you;" and also having in view the advice of the great apostle when he said: "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men;" and being deeply desirous of being led by the spirit of Christ and doing just as Jesus himself would do, the Classis counsels the primary parties concerned to come to proper terms of peace.

On item 12 the following report was received and adopted:

On item 12 your committee make the following report:

Rev. M. L. Hedrick appeared before your committee and stated that on the 4th day of April, 1899, he preached the funeral sermon of John Black, a member of Rev. L. M. Kerschner's church. In doing so he was following a custom of long standing among the ministers of that county; that there was no intention to interfere with pastor Kerschner's work, and that he would not further in any way interfere with the work of the pastor in the Lower Davidson charge. In view of this statement your committee recommend the following:

WHEREAS, The spirit manifested by the Rev. M. L. Hedrick is such as to indicate that there was no intention to violate the constitution of the church,

Resolved, That Rev. M. L. Hedrick be exonerated from the charge against him.

Resolved, That the attention of Rev. M. L. Hedrick be called to Article Twelve of the constitution of the Reformed Church in the United States.

J. L. MURPHY,
R. T. LIPPARD.

The minutes were read and approved.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.

J. M. L. Lyerly, President, *pro tem*.
J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., July 26th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., in obedience to the following call :

NEWTON, N. C., July 12th, 1899.

DEAR BRO.: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., July 26th, 1899, at 2 o'clock p. m., to consider the following items of business :

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Rev. J. N. Faust and the Concord charge.

2. To consider a call from the Thomasville charge to Rev. J. N. Faust, and if confirmed to provide for his installation. Notify your elder.

W. A. LONG, President.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.

The following members were found present : Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. A. Foil, Ph. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly, J. C. Leonard, W. A. Long, Ph. D., C. Clapp, T. C. Hesson, C. H. Riedesel and Elders Perry Bost, P. E. Campbell and M. J. Rowe.

Two petitions from members of the church in Concord for and against the dissolution of the pastoral relation were pre-

sented to Classis along with the request of Rev. J. N. Faust that the pastoral relation be dissolved. After careful deliberation the pastoral relation was dissolved and the charge declared vacant. The following committee of supply for the Concord charge was appointed: Revs. Paul Barringer, W. H. McNairy and J. M. L. Lyerly.

The call from the Thomasville charge for the pastoral services of Rev. J. N. Faust was confirmed and the following committee on installation was appointed: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, C. Clapp and M. L. Hedrick.

The minutes were read and approved and the Classis adjourned with prayer and the benediction by Rev. W. A. Long.

W. A. LONG, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., August 26th, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., in obedience to the following call of the President:

NEWTON, N. C., August 12th, 1899.

DEAR BRO.: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., August 26th, at 10 o'clock a. m.

1. To hear a report of the committee of supply for the Blowing Rock charge, and to take such action as the interests of the charge demand.

2. To hear a complaint against the actions of Rev. L. M. Kerschner.

W. A. LONG, President.

The President called the Classis to order, and the devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser. The following members answered to their names at the roll call: Revs. J. C. Clapp, P. M. Trexler, J. A. Foil, J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lyerly, H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy, T. C. Hesson, C. Clapp, C. H. Riedesel, L. M. Kerschner and J. H. Shuford; Elders P. E. Campbell, J. E. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe.

The Classis determined to consider item 2 of the call first.

Papers in due form, signed by Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly and J. L. Murphy, were placed in the hands of Classis, presenting the following charges against Rev. L. M. Kerschner: 1. Contempt of Classis; 2. Insubordination; 3. Unchristian and ungentlemanly conduct.

Rev. L. M. Kerschner, being present in person, plead guilty to the charges, and asked the forgiveness of Classis.

Classis disposed of the matter in the following action:

WHEREAS, Rev. L. M. Kerschner has manifested sorrow for his conduct at the special meeting of Classis by a full confession of the same, and

WHEREAS, He asks forgiveness at the hands of Classis,

Resolved, That while his conduct provokes the censure of this body, his penitent spirit impels our forgiveness.

Resolved, That the complaints against Rev. L. M. Kerschner before this body have been satisfactorily settled.

Resolved, That Rev. L. M. Kerschner's attention be called to Hebrews 12:1.

On the other item of the call the committee made their report, which as amended and finally adopted follows:

Your committee appointed to supply the Blowing Rock charge beg leave to make the following report:

Sundry meetings of the committee have been held for the purpose of devising some plan by which the action of Classis could be carried out and the charge supplied with preaching. Difficulties have arisen which rendered all meetings vain and caused all efforts to prove futile. Two plans have been suggested by which the charge could be supplied with preaching and served. The first was for the committee to do the preaching and perform the work of the pastor. The difficulty in carrying out this plan was found in the physical impossibility for two members of the committee to serve the charge in person, and in the unsatisfactory experience in serving a charge by proxy. Besides part of the committee felt that for the committee to supply the charge would be in direct violation of the spirit of the action of your reverend body taken at the last annual meeting and would virtually thwart the object which Classis had in view, viz. to place a man in the field. The second plan was for the committee to urge the congregations to come together and unite in calling a pastor. This was tried but failed. The charge decided not to call a pastor, but to remain under the care of the committee. Mt. Bethel,

however, proceeded to hold an election for pastor, and elected and extended a call to licentiate H. E. Sechler to become their pastor.

Under these conflicting conditions your committee has been unable to act satisfactorily, or even harmoniously. We therefore ask your reverend body to take such action as in your wisdom will best promote the interest of the church and carry forward the spirit of the action of your body taken at the last annual meeting. We venture, however, to make the following recommendations :

1. *Resolved*, That the Blowing Rock charge be dissolved.
2. *Resolved*, That Mt. Bethel congregation be constituted a charge.
3. *Resolved*, That if found in order the call to licentiate H. E. Sechler, from the newly constituted Blowing Rock charge be confirmed, and a committee appointed to ordain and install him pastor.
4. *Resolved*, That \$175 of the \$200 appropriated at the last annual meeting to the charge as then constituted be given towards the support of the pastor of the Mt. Bethel congregation.
5. *Resolved*, That the Lenoir mission be committed to the care of Rev. P. M. Trexler.

J. L. MURPHY,
W. A. LONG,
P. M. TREXLER.

The call to licentiate H. E. Sechler to the pastorate of the Blowing Rock charge as above constituted being found in order was confirmed, and the following committee on ordination and installation was appointed : Revs. J. L. Murphy, C. Clapp and J. Ingle.

The items of the call having been disposed of, the minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the President.

W. A. LONG, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., January 9th, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m. in obedience to the following call :

NEWTON, N. C., Dec 26th, 1899.

The Classis of North Carolina will meet in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., January 9th, 1900, at 2 o'clock p. m.

1. To consider a petition to organize a congregation at Rockwell, N. C.
2. To receive Rev. Gerny Weber from the Classis of Zion, Synod of the Potomac.
3. To consider a call from Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, to Rev. Gerny Weber.
4. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. W. H. McNairy and the East Rowan charge.
5. To consider a call from Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, to Rev. W. H. McNairy.
6. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. L. M. Kerschner and the Lower Davidson charge.

W. A. LONG,
President.

The Classis was called to order by the President. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. W. H. McNairy. The following members were present: Rev. J. C. Clapp, P. M. Trexler, J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, T. C. Hesson, W. H. McNairy, W. A. Long and C. H. Riedesel, and Elders M. J. Rowe, P. E. Campbell and Perry Bost. Elder T. L. Hunsucker was admitted to a seat as an advisory member.

The items of business were disposed of as follows:

1. The petition for the organization of a congregation at Rockwell, Rowan county, was granted. Rev. W. H. McNairy was appointed to effect the organization as soon as practicable. It was ordered that the new congregation shall be incorporated with the East Rowan charge from the date of organization.
2. A certificate dismissing Rev. Gerny Weber from the Classis of Zion, Synod of the Potomac, was placed in the hands of Classis, and he was received and his name placed on the roll of ministers.
3. The call from Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, to Rev. G. Weber, being found in order, was confirmed. The following committee on installation was appointed: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lylerly and Paul Barringer.
4. The joint request from the Rev. W. H. McNairy and the officers of the East Rowan charge for the dissolution of

the pastoral relation was granted, and the Charge was declared vacant.

5. The call from Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, to Rev. W. H. McNairy was found in order and confirmed. The following committee on installation was appointed: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, G. Weber and A. Shulenberger.

6. The joint request of the Rev. L. M. Kerschner and the officers of the Lower Davidson charge for the dissolution of the pastoral relation was granted and the charge declared vacant. Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., was appointed the committee of supply for the charge.

The session closed with prayer and the benediction by the President.

W. A. LONG, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes of special meetings.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1900.

The fourth annual session of the Woman's Classical Missionary Society was held at Arnold, N. C., in Mrs. L. Everhart's parlor opening Thursday morning April 19th, 9 A. M., instead of April 18th, 4 P. M. on account of the inclement weather.

The meeting was opened by devotional exercises.

Officers present: President, Miss M. Ida Hedrick; Vice President, Mrs. G. T. Crowell.

The Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary were absent on account of sickness.

Miss Addie Barrier was elected Corresponding Secretary, *pro tem*, and Mrs. J. N. Faust, Recording Secretary, *pro tem*.

Minister's wives present: Mrs. G. A. Stauffer, Mrs. J. D. Andrew, Mrs. C. Riedesel, Mrs. G. Weber and Mrs. J. N. Faust.

Delegates: Trinity Society, Miss Addie Barrier; Newton, Miss Lucie Fry.

Grace (L. Stone)—Miss Daisy Fisher.

Mt. Gilead—Miss Lillie Misenheimer.

St. Luke's—Miss Lottie M. Lentz.

The President appointed the following committees:

On Finance—Mrs. C. Riedesel, Miss Lucie Fry, Miss Daisy Fisher.

On Credentials—Mrs. G. T. Crowell, Miss Lottie M. Lentz.

On Courtesies—Miss Lillie Misenheimer, Miss Addie Barrier, Mrs. G. Weber..

The constitution was read for the benefit of the new members.

Interesting reports were read from several societies. An interesting letter was read from Mrs. Ingle, President of Mt. Bethel Society.

Meeting adjourned till 1:15 P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:15.

Opened by devotional service. The roll called. Minutes read and approved.

Treasurer, Miss Mamie Clapp, delegate from St. Mark's, Miss Minnie Montgomery, and Mrs. John Green, a member of Classical Society found present.

Reading of reports continued.

An explanation was made as to the use of money that comes from the different societies. The delegates were urged to make the explanations to their respective societies.

The representatives from churches were urged to organize societies on their return.

An open parliament followed: 1st. "How may we as a Classical Society increase our membership and thereby strengthen our efforts in advancing Christ's Kingdom?"

The suggestion was made that each member should secure a life member or an annual member till the next annual meeting.

2nd. "In what way may we stimulate interest in our Congregational societies?" A number of suggestions were made which the delegates, we hope, carried home with them to practice.

3rd. "What are some of the marks of a good Missionary Society?"

Three marks were spoken of by the President, punctuality in payment, willingness to serve and punctuality. Other good marks were mentioned.

The different societies were asked to respond to their topics that were assigned them through the *Corinthian*.

Appeals were made to the young ladies to organize Mission Bands.

Adjournment.

FRIDAY, 11 A. M.

PROGRAMME.

Music—Hymn—Congregation
Invocation—Rev. Shulenberger.
Scripture Reading.
Prayer—Dr. Clapp.
Ladies' Quartette—"Speed Away."
Address of Welcome—Mrs. J. W. Green.
Response—Mrs. J. D. Andrew.
Reading—Miss Lillie Misenheimer.
Duet—"Your Own."
Essay—Miss Daisy Fisher.
Select Reading—Mrs. J. N. Faust.
Recitation—Miss Addie Barrier.
Solo—"Far Away In China."—Mrs. G. A. Stauffer.
Treasurer's Report.
Offerings—\$11.83.
President's Address.
Benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting was called to order at the appointed time.

Devotional exercises by the President. Roll called. Minutes read and approved.

It was decided to put our minutes under cover with the Classical minutes.

A motion passed that we thankfully acknowledge the gift of one dollar from Rev. L. M. Kerschner for our girl in Japan.

By the payment of one dollar each Mrs. Willis, Miss Mamie McNairy, and Miss Minnie Montgomery are members of our Classical Society for two years.

Mrs. J. W. Green was appointed to act as agent for the *Woman's Journal*. Address, Mrs. J. W. Green, Lexington, N. C.

A motion was made and carried that we loan the money in our Church Building Fund at 2 1/2 per cent. during the coming year, to church organizations desiring funds for church purposes.

A committee was appointed to form resolutions to urge different societies to raise money for the aid of establishing a mission in China.

Committee on Finances ready to report.

The Committee on Finances beg leave to make the following report:

For Our Girl in Japan	\$ 58.20
Home Building Fund.....	97.24
Foreign Missions.....	64.82
Other Expenses.....	15.00
Total.....	\$235.26

Respectfully submitted,
 Elsie H. Riedesel,
 Lucie Fry,
 Daisy Fisher.

A motion passed to support one girl in Sendai for two years.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we, the members of the Missionary Society of the Classis of North Carolina, do urge our Auxiliary Societies to take an active interest in the mission work which is to go on in China under the direction of the Rev. Hoy.

[Signed]

ELSIE RIEDESEL,
 FLORA ANDREW,
 MOLLIE CROWELL.

Committee on Courtesies offered the following resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, 1st. That the members of the W. M. S. of N. C. Classis send to Mrs. Whitener, Recording Secretary, and Miss Frances Lippard, Corresponding Secretary, an expression of regret at their absence from the annual meeting of the Society.

Although absent, we know their prayers were with us, and pray through the Providence of God they may be with us another year. 1

Resolved, 2nd. That we extend to Mrs. Ingle, Miss Fetzer, and all members and delegates of the Society who were prevented from being with us, our regrets that they were not able to be with us. Though they were not present with us in person, but in spirit, and hope they may be with us at our next meeting.

Resolved, 3rd. That we extend our hearty thanks to the members of Beulah Church, who have so willingly and hospitably entertained us during this meeting.

We shall never forget our stay among them and pray that we have stimulated in them a greater zeal for this grand and noble work.

Resolved, 4th. That the Society extend to Mrs. L. Everhart our heartiest thanks for allowing us the use of her parlor during our business meeting.

[Signed]

MISS LILLIE MISENHEIMER,
MISS ADDIE BARRIER,
MRS. WEBER.

Reports from delegates are embodied in Corresponding Secretary's report which was adopted as follows:

SOCIETIES.	PRESIDENTS.	MEMBERS.		LOSSES.		CONTRIBUTIONS.					WHEN ORGANIZED.
		Active.	Honorary.	Death.	Other Causes.	No. Public Meetings.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Classical Society.	Other Purposes.	
Bethel (Stanley Co.)	Miss M. Moose	22	3	...	...	...	...	10 00	1 50	Oct. 19, '99.	
Burlington	Mrs. Coble	24	3	...	...	...	6 75	75	...		
Concord	Mrs. McNairy	16	3	...	1	...	5 00	8 83	2 00		
Corinth	Mrs. Murphy	11	1	...	...	...	5 00	5 50	26 70		
Calvary	Mrs. J. N. Faust	11	5	...	...	1	...	5 00	...	Sept. 22, '99.	
Grace (E Rowan)	Mrs. C. H. Riedesel	20	8	...	...	...	10 90	10 95	6 00		
Grace (Newton)	Prof. J. B. Leonard	14	...	1	2	1	11 25	4 70	...	Sept. 4, '99.	
Heidelberg	Mrs. Faust	12	3	...	...	1	1 00	5 00	5 00		
Mt. Bethel	Mrs. M. Ingle	10	...	...	...	...	...	7 50	...		
New Gilead	Miss Misenheimer	19	1	...	...	1	...	13 00	...		
Pilgrim	Miss Hedrick	14	9	...	1	1	2 00	11 04	...		
St. Luke's	Miss Carrie Peeler	15	...	...	...	...	...	5 00	2 50		
MISSION BANDS.		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Beulah	No Report.	...	...	...	...	...	...	75	...	...	
Concord	Miss Daisy Barrier	15	...	...	...	...	...	5 70	...	...	
Grace (Newton)	No Report.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pilgrim	Miss Elsie Sink	20	...	...	...	...	...	10 70	...	...	

A motion passed to retain all the officers of the past year as the officers for the ensuing year.

President—Miss Mary Ida Hedrick.

Vice President—Mrs. G. T. Crowell.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. LeRoy R. Whitener.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Frances Lippard.

Treasurer—Miss Mamie Clapp.

The following were appointed to report to Church papers:

Corinthian—Mrs. L. R. Whitener.

Messenger and Woman's Journal—Miss. Lippard.

Reformed Church Record—Mrs. Riedesel.

Christian World—Mrs. Faust.

Instructions were given to the treasurer to forward the money immediately to the treasurer of the Society of General Synod.

The Treasurer also is requested to publish the name of Our Girl in Japan as soon as she receives notice from our Missionaries in Japan.

Meeting closed with prayer by President.

Adjourned till next annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

M. IDA HEDRICK, President.

MARIE E. B. FAUST, Rec. Sec.,
Pro Tem.

For the year ending April 18th, A. D., 1900, I hereby certify that these statistics are carefully and officially prepared

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC AND THE GENERAL SYNOD, A.D. 1899, REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES.

CLASSES.	MEMBERS.				ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.									
	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificates or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths—Communicants.	Deaths—Unconfirmed.	Sunday-Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Zion's.....	15	36	4,786	4,051	2,604	324	30	205	159	61	..	30	138	61	33	617	1,207	4,941	1	\$ 7,925 21	\$ 30,429 51	
Maryland.....	43	64	9,962	7,920	5,904	447	45	405	252	167	..	89	148	99	56	1,207	8,076	11,679	11	\$ 11,679 00	\$ 48,552 00	
Mercersburg.....	18	26	3,546	2,888	1,618	99	41	102	76	65	..	71	42	26	22	346	2,370	2,370	7	\$ 8,823 74	\$ 16,300 00	
Virginia.....	17	33	2,635	2,120	1,262	81	41	107	50	35	..	11	49	9	..	..	..	..	1	\$ 2,208 00	\$ 8,071 00	
North Carolina.....	23	43	3,314	2,704	1,651	128	19	117	62	46	1	84	41	18	31	238	2,131	2,131	9	\$ 1,872 00	\$ 5,710 00	
Gettysburg.....	19	29	3,900	3,105	3,765	313	29	241	95	63	..	20	107	64	25	440	2,820	2,820	9	\$ 4,846 00	\$ 12,378 00	
Carlisle.....	13	21	2,506	2,094	1,209	68	27	80	59	72	..	54	33	18	16	694	2,204	2,204	5	\$ 2,496 00	\$ 20,050 73	
Juniata.....	22	52	5,943	4,975	3,263	260	58	212	184	119	..	106	95	38	46	..	694	4,183	5	\$ 5,927 00	\$ 33,576 00	
Synod of Potomac (total)...	8	170	38,502	31,867	21,476	1,720	289	1,469	937	628	1	365	654	353	..	..	..	..	48	\$ 40,777 01	\$ 175,050 24	
Eastern Synod.....	12	306	531	81,131	50,939	5,188	428	4,170	2,511	1,619	..	1,922	1,807	887	564	10,863	79,710	79,710	98	\$ 79,428 00	\$ 449,105 00	
Ohio Synod.....	6	138	231	24,658	19,369	3,835	712	418	889	730	453	..	584	406	100	206	3,448	22,581	32	\$ 22,249 00	\$ 116,292 00	
Synod of Pittsburgh.....	5	84	145	18,600	15,738	5,789	911	110	687	761	342	5	471	257	117	120	1,647	11,383	12	\$ 22,677 46	\$ 101,800 39	
Synod of the Northwest.....	11	160	222	21,974	15,077	14,491	1,569	34	1,139	837	190	5	456	313	177	196	1,498	12,319	29	\$ 15,016 00	\$ 101,469 00	
German Synod of the East.....	5	66	56	15,185	11,770	9,925	1,896	19	822	466	103	3	471	310	159	159	1,077	13,229	14	\$ 7,372 00	\$ 90,744 00	
Central Synod.....	5	100	122	21,368	15,775	12,502	1,151	65	920	684	319	..	469	318	171	18	60	744	3,849	6	\$ 12,685 00	\$ 89,586 00
Synod of the Interior.....	5	54	67	3,201	2,560	1,348	143	..	140	145	..	77	..	162	42	..	..	..	..	269	\$ 5,353 33	\$ 20,730 00
Total 8 District Synods....	57	1,078	1,678	240,130	193,287	126,375	13,290	1,437	10,346	7,071	3,741	16	4,900	4,107	1,962	..	..	..	..	..	\$ 22,550 80	\$ 1,144,736 65

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
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SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

HELD IN

Shiloh Reformed Church,

FAITH, N. C.,

MAY 1st-4th, 1901.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.,
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OFFICERS OF THE CLASSIS.

President: Rev. J. D. Andrew.....Burlington, N. C.
Stated Clerk: Rev. J. C. Leonard.....Lexington, N. C.
Treasurer: Elder M. J. Rowe.....Newton, N. C.

Seventy-First Annual Meeting.

Acts and Proceedings of the Classis of North Carolina

—OF THE—

Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF CLASSIS.

The Classis of North Carolina, Synod of the Potomac, of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Shiloh Reformed Church, Faith, N. C., May 1st, 1901, at 2:30 o'clock p. m. The opening sermon was preached by the Vice-President, Rev. T. C. Hesson, from Matthew 25:18, 45: "But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money." "Then shall he answer them, saying, verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

After the sermon, the Vice-President called the Classis to order and formally opened it with prayer. The Stated Clerk called the roll of the Classis, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ministers: J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lysterly, J. C. Leonard, J. D. Andrew, H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy, T. C. Hesson, C. H. Riedesel, J. N. Faust, G. A. Stauffer and H. E. Sechler.

Elders: D. S. Foil, New Gilead Charge; S. T. Wilfong, Hickory; M. T. Roseman, Central Rowan; P. I. Nifong, Upper Davidson; H. D. Warlick, Lincoln; J. W. Hedrick, Lower Davidson; P. G. Herman, Catawba; M. J. Rowe, Newton; D. W. Moore, Concord; B. F. Low, Guilford; T. W. S. Grimes, Thomasville; E. A. Rothrock, Lexington.

The following members appeared at later sessions and took their seats: Thursday afternoon, Rev. P. Barringer, Elders Howard Moose, of the East Rowan Charge; W. P. Goodnight, of the West Rowan Charge; Elder J. C. Lippard of the Concord Charge occupied the seat of Elder D. W. Moore; Revs. J. L. Murphy, P. M. Trexler, D. D., and Clarence Clapp and Elder J. P. Rabb, of Lenoir Mission.

Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., Lancaster Classis, Eastern Synod, missionary to Japan, was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

The presence of Rev. R. L. Brown, of the Lutheran Church, was recognized.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing Classical year: President, Rev. J. D. Andrew; Vice-President, Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. N. Faust; Treasurer, Elder M. J. Rowe. Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with. The President defined the bar of the house to be the pews on either side and two in front of the chancel. The follow-

ing hours were fixed for opening and closing the sessions of Classis: The daily sessions to open at 9 o'clock; a sermon to be preached each day at 11 o'clock, followed by a recess until 1:30 o'clock; adjourn at 4 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees:

1. RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, C. H. Reidesel and Elder M. T. Roseman.

2. MINUTES OF CLASSIS: Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and Elder D. S. Foil.

3. MINUTES OF POTOMAC SYNOD: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy and Elder P. I. Nifong.

4. OVERTURES: Revs. J. N. Faust, G. A. Stauffer and Elder E. A. Rothrock.

5. EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., T. C. Hesson and Elder H. D. Warlick.

6. NOMINATIONS: Revs. C. H. Riedesel, J. N. Faust and Elder S. T. Wilfong.

7. FINANCE: Revs. T. C. Hesson, G. A. Stauffer and Elder M. J. Rowe.

8. EDUCATION: Revs. H. E. Sechler, W. H. McNairy and Elder J. W. Hedrick.

9. MISSIONS: Revs. G. A. Stauffer, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elder P. G. Herman.

10. MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., T. C. Hesson and Elder D. W. Moore.

11. RELIGION AND STATISTICS: Revs. T. C. Hesson, H. A. M. Holshouser and Elder B. F. Low.

12. PRESS REPORTS: Revs. T. Hesson, W. H. McNairy, J. N. Faust and Elder S. T. Wilfong.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The pastor *loci* placed in the hands of the Classis a copy of the minutes of Potomac Synod, and the Stated Clerk furnished copies of the regular and special meetings of the Classis.

2. The report of the Treasurer of Classis was presented and read, and then referred to the Committee on Finance to audit.

3. The report of the Trustees of Catabwa College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

4. The annual reports of the Boards of Home Missions and the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. A number of other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Classis observed the following religious services during its sessions: The sessions of each day were opened and closed with proper religious services. The Committee on Religious Services offered the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to make the following report:

Thursday, 11 o'clock, sermon by Rev. C. H. Riedesel.

Friday, sermon by Rev. J. N. Faust.

Saturday, Preparatory Service, sermon by Rev. J. C. Leonard; Liturgical Service, Rev. H. E. Sechler.

Closing services of Classis: Hymn, Rev. T. C. Hesson; Prayer,

Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser; Address, Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.; Apostle's Creed, Lord's Prayer and Doxology by the Classis; Benediction by the President.

Sunday, 10 o'clock, Sunday School addresses by Revs. C. H. Riedesel and H. E. Sechler.

Sunday, 11 o'clock, Communion sermon, Rev. Paul Barringer; in the Lutheran church, sermon by Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Sunday, 2 o'clock, sermon by Rev. H. E. Sechler; in the Lutheran church, sermon by Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

Sunday, 8 o'clock p. m., sermon by Rev. G. A. Stauffer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

C. H. RIEDESEL.

ARTICLE VIII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Reports were read by the several ministers of the Classis, and were referred to the Committee on Religion and Statistics. The constitutional questions were satisfactorily answered by the elders present.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Classis presented its report on Thursday morning as follows:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Classis beg leave to present the following items of unfinished business:

1. The permanent Committee on Sunday Schools consists of Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. M. L. Lyerly and H. A. M. Holshouser.

2. The Board of Education consists of Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly, and Elders S. T. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe.

3. Rev. J. D. Andrew was continued as chairman of the committee having in charge Stoner's church property.

4. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, H. A. M. Holshouser and J. D. Andrew were continued as a committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing an orphans' home.

5. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, J. D. Andrew and J. L. Murphy were appointed to superintend church work conventions in the several districts of the Classis.

6. Rev. P. Barringer was re-appointed the Commissioner of Classis to secure the outside pledges for Salisbury mission.

7. Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., and J. C. Clapp, D. D., were appointed a committee of supply for the Catawba Charge, with instructions to co-operate with the charge in securing a pastor.

8. The following committee was appointed to install Rev. C. H. Riedesel pastor of the East Rowan charge: Revs. G. Weber, J. M. L. Lyerly and W. H. McNairy.

9. Rev. H. E. Sechler was appointed to supply the Lower Davidson Charge.

10. Rev. J. C. Leonard was appointed to assist Rev. C. E. Creitz, Field Secretary, in home mission work.

11. The sum of \$20 was appropriated to Lenoir Mission on condition that service be held at least once a month.

12. The interests of the Reformed Church in Lexington and High Point were committed to the care of Revs. J. C. Leonard and H. A. M. Holshouser.

13. Rev. J. L. Murphy was appointed to take charge of the Blowing Rock Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,

D. S. FOIL.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

I. The following report was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to submit the following as their annual report:

Statistical reports from 32 schools came into the hands of your committee. From these we learn that there are in the schools 346 officers and teachers, 2,904 scholars, making the total enrollment 3,245. The average attendance is 1,330. Scholars in full membership of the church, 912. Number of baptized scholars, 880, and 137 scholars were received into full membership of the Church during year. 893 papers are taken and there are 1,014 books in the libra-

ries. \$200 were given to benevolence and \$520 to the support of the schools.

Your committee notes with pleasure the increase of scholars this year over last year's report, and especially that the number of scholars received into the Church has more than doubled. So far as your committee can learn only two schools in the Classis have Home Departments. These are in the mission schools in Burlington with a membership of 35, and in Thomasville with 10 in the Home Department.

Your Committee would call the attention of the pastors and elders to the importance of having complete reports and also to the importance of the different departments of the Sunday School work and especially the Home Department as an aid in interesting the members of the church in the Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

The permanent Committee on Sunday Schools for the ensuing year consists of Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and H. A. M. Houshouser.

2. The following report was received and adopted:

The Board of Education presents the following report:

On January 16, 1901, Mr. W. S. Clapp, a student at Catawba College, having the ministry in view, was received under the care of this board, and has received aid to the extent of \$18, the amount in the treasury for that purpose. Your committee ask that an appropriation of not less than \$100 be made for this cause for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY.

The sum of \$100 for beneficiary education was referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment. The members of the Board of Education were re-elected, to-wit: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elders S. T. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe.

3. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee, continued from last year to dispose of the Stoner's church property in Alamance county, begs leave to report that nothing has been done in the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW.

4. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the feasibility of this Classis establishing an orphans' home within its bounds, begs leave to report that upon investigating what was supposed to be an opportunity through some already established board, we found only sympathy and well wishing; and your committee, feeling that something more tangible than mere sentiment must be realized before this institution can be established, and knowing that help comes to those who help themselves, respectfully recommends the following action:

WHEREAS, It is the sense of this Classis that the establishment of an orphans' home would be a most fitting twentieth century monument for our Church, and that it can be done through hearty co-operation and systematic effort,

Resolved, That an active, earnest effort be made this year, and that the matter be brought home to our people, and that our pastors and consistories be urged and instructed to lay it upon the hearts of their people in a sermon or address during the year, urging the prayerful consideration of this most worthy cause.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and publish an address and appeal to be distributed throughout the Classis, asking that pledges on easy payment be made, said pledges to be valid only in case as much as three thousand dollars are thus obligated, and that two years be given to secure these advance subscriptions.

Resolved, That pastors be appointed agents to co-operate with and aid the committee in securing pledges for the cause.

Resolved, That as far as possible, Thanksgiving services be held and that thank offerings be received and appropriated to this cause.

Resolved, That whatever expense be incurred in printing appeals and sending them out to the people be paid out of such money as may come to hand through special collections for orphans' home cause.

Resolved, That the matter be laid at the door of our Mission and Aid Societies for their consideration.

Your committee further recommends as a plan for securing the amount needed, that thirty persons give each \$100, that sixty persons give each \$50, and so on in such sums as may be possible; that con-

gregations and societies be encouraged to subscribe in like manner; and further, that no sum, however small, be refused.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
J. D. ANDREW.

The committee called for in the foregoing action consists of Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, H. A. M. Holshouser and J. D. Andrew.

5. It was reported that successful conventions had been held in the several districts. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, J. D. Andrew and J. L. Murphy were appointed to have charge of the work during the coming year.

6. The following report was received and adopted:

We desire to submit our report of the amount of private subscriptions for Salisbury Mission for the past year:

Sixty-five dollars have been paid in during the year, leaving us short thirty-five dollars. Several persons whose names appear on the list have not as yet paid anything. The full amount has been subscribed, but not paid. There are several who have pledged themselves for one or two years for five dollars per year, whose time expires with this year. We need new pledges.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER.

Rev. Paul Barringer was appointed Commissioner to secure the outside pledges for the coming year.

7. The following report was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Supply of Catawba Charge beg leave to report that the duty has been performed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP.

8. The following report was received and adopted:

Rev. C. H. Riedesel was installed pastor of the East Rowan

Charge on the 29th day of July, 1900, by two members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McNAIRY,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

9. The following report was received and adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN: As appointed supply for the Lower Davidson Charge, we would report to your body that we have labored there since the first of June, 1900, with what we think comparatively good results, and hope that Classis may be able to send a suitable man to the field at an early date.

Fraternally,

H. E. SECHLER.

10. The following report was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

As the assistant of Field Secretary C. E. Creitz, I beg leave to report that I was not called on for any assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

11. The condition was complied with and the money paid.

12. The following report was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

Your committee having in charge the interests of the Reformed Church in Lexington and High Point beg leave to report that the Board of Missions enrolled these places in July, the commission to go into effect the first of October. A congregation was organized in Lexington January 20th, and in High Point March 24th, 1901. A handsome church has been built at a desirable location in Lexington on the corner of Centre and Salisbury streets. A beautiful lot has been bought in High Point at the corner of Main and Russell streets, and a church is to be erected during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

13. The parochial report was read, and certain requests for aid were referred to the Committee on Missions.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

On Thursday morning the Committee on Overtures presented the following report:

Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to report the following items:

1. A request from the Board of Home Missions that the subject of missions be given consideration early in the sessions of Classis.

2. Reports from theological students, J. L. Bowers, S. W. Beck, D. E. Bowers and W. H. Causey, with a request from Mr. J. L. Bowers that an adjourned session of Classis be held that he may present himself for examination and licensure.

3. A communication from Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., with reference to the proposed Memorial Reformed Church in Washington City.

4. A request from the Hebron congregation of the Upper Davidson Charge for \$125 to aid in the erection of a new house of worship.

5. A request from the Joint Consistory of the Burlington Charge that the Classis borrow \$300 still due on the pledge made to the Burlington Mission a year ago, with the understanding that the mission pay the interest on the same.

6. (a) A request from Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D., to be excused for absence from this meeting of Classis. (b) A joint request from Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D., and the consistory of the Newton charge that the pastoral relations be dissolved.

7. A letter from Rev. John Ingle, asking to be excused for absence from this meeting of Classis.

8. A joint request from Rev. H. E. Sechler and the consistory of the Blowing Rock Charge that the pastoral relation be dissolved.

9. A request from Revs. M. L. Hedrick, J. H. Shuford and J. A. Foil, Ph. D., to be excused for absence from this meeting of Classis.

10. A request from the Lenoir Mission that provision be made for services twice a month.

11. A letter from Mr. W. S. Clapp, asking to be received under the care of Classis as a student for the ministry.

J. N. FAUST,
G. A. STAUFFER,
E. A. ROTHROCK,

The report was considered by items and disposed of in the following action:

1. Adopted, and the attention of the Committee on Missions called to this action.
2. The reports were read and approved. It was ordered that the Classis meet in adjourned session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Monday, May 20, 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m.
3. Referred to the Committee on Missions.
4. Referred to the Committee on Missions.
5. The request was granted, and the Treasurer of Classis was instructed to borrow the amount.
6. (a) Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D., was excused for absence. (b) The request was granted, and the Newton Charge declared vacant.
7. Rev. John Ingle was excused for absence.
8. The request was granted and the Blowing Rock Charge declared vacant.
9. The brethren were excused for absence.
10. Referred to the Committee on Missions.
11. The request was granted, and Mr. W. S. Clapp was received under the care of Classis.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL AND POTOMAC SYNODS.

An election was held Thursday afternoon for delegates to the General Synod and also to the Synod of the Potomac, when the following were chosen:

Delegates to the General Synod: *Primarii*: Ministers—J. M. L. Lyerly and J. L. Murphy; Elders—M. J. Rowe and T. W. S. Grimes. *Secundi*: Ministers—J. C. Leonard and T. C. Hesson; Elders—J. C. Lippard and E. A. Rothrock.

Delegates to the Synod of the Potomac: *Primarii*: Ministers—P. Barringer, J. N. Faust, H. E. Sechler, W. H. McNairy, G. A. Stauffer, J. M. L. Lyerly and J. C. Clapp, D. D. Elders—S. T. Wilfong, J. C. Lippard, T. W. S.

Grimes, P. I. Nifong, H. D. Warlick, B. F. Low and M. J. Rowe. *Secundi*: Ministers—T. C. Hesson, J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser, J. D. Andrew, J. A. Foil, P. M. Trexler, D. D., and J. Ingle. Elders—W. P. Goodnight, J. W. Hedrick, E. A. Rothrock, M. T. Roseman, P. G. Herman, D. S. Foil and J. P. Rabb.

ARTICLE XII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod presented its report on Friday morning, which is as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Potomac Synod beg leave to report the following items claiming the attention of Classis:

1. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, H. A. M. Holshouser and J. D. Andrew attended the meeting of Synod.

2. A resolution urging all the Classes to assume the full apportionment for Catawba College.

3. L. R. Whitener, L. M. Peeler, M. J. Rowe and L. Everhart are nominated for trustees of Catawba College.

4. A resolution urging the Classes to call the attention of individuals and congregations to the necessity of establishing church building funds.

5. The Classes are urged to assume their full apportionment for Home Missions.

6. The Classes are urged to pay their full apportionment for Foreign Missions.

7. The Synod apportions the following amounts to this Classis: (a) Home Missions, \$550; (b) Foreign Missions, \$450; (c) Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$90; (d) Work among the Germans, \$30; (e) Harbor Missions, \$11; (f) Beneficiary Education, \$260; (g) Theological Seminary, \$55; (h) Catawba College, \$90; (i) Contingent Fund, \$35.

8. The Classes are asked to urge all Sunday Schools to give their continued support to the Sunday School Board.

9. The Synod commends anew the work of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows to the Classes and congregation.

10. A resolution in answer to a request of this Classis saying that

on account of the many claims upon the Synod for money it does not see its way clear at present to complete the \$17,000 endowment for Catawba College.

11. The next meeting of the Synod will be held in the Reformed Church at Huntingdon, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 15th, A. D. 1901, at 8 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
W. H. McNAIRY,
P. I. NIFONG.

The report was considered item by item and disposed of as follows:

1. The Treasurer was directed to pay to Rev. J. M. L. Lysterly \$10.80 and to Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser \$10.20 to defray in part their traveling expenses.

2. Adopted.

3. Messrs. L. R. Whitener, L. M. Peeler, M. J. Rowe and L. Everhart, the nominees, were elected trustees of Catawba College.

4. Adopted, and the attention of the pastors was called to the action.

5. Adopted.

6. Adopted.

7. (a) Assumed; (b) The following resolution was adopted: *Resolved*, That Classis assume the support of one ordained native evangelist, and make it incumbent upon each pastor of the Classis to take one special offering in each congregation for foreign missions during the year. (c) Referred to the Committee on Missions, (d) Not assumed; (e) Referred to the Committee on Missions; (f) The Classis assumed \$100; (g) Assumed \$25; (h) Assumed; (i) Assumed.

8, 9, 10 and 11 were severally adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIII.

ELECTION OF A TREASURER.

At the session Friday afternoon the Committee on Nominations made the following report:

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to present the name of Elder M. J. Rowe for Treasurer of Classis.

C. H. RIEDESEL,
J. N. FAUST,
S. T. WILFONG,

The report was adopted and M. J. Rowe was elected Treasurer of Classis.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

Friday afternoon the Committee on Missions submitted its report as follows:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report the following items for your consideration:

1. A request from Rev. J. M. Schick, D. D., asking Classis to take action in reference to raising funds towards building a Memorial Church in Washington City.

We recommend that an offering be made at an early date in each congregation which has not already done so.

2. A report from Mt. Bethel Mission by Rev. J. L. Murphy with recommendations relative to this work.

We recommend that \$50 be set aside for the purpose of securing ministerial service for this mission, and that the work be committed to the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

3. A communication from the Board of Foreign Missions.

We recommend that this report be incorporated in the minutes of the Classis.

4. A communication from Lenoir Mission asking the continuance of the aid given and requesting an increase for the coming classical year.

We recommend that the sum of \$50 be granted to said mission for the purpose of securing ministerial service, and that the work be committed to the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

5. A petition from the consistory of Hebron congregation of the Upper Davidson Charge, asking \$125 towards the erection of a church building.

We recommend that \$100 be granted to this congregation for this purpose, to be paid during the coming classical year.

6. Annual report of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, together with a statement of its operations and its needs.

We recommend that Synod's apportionment to the Classis for home missions be paid in full.

7. Synod apportions \$111 to the Classis for Bohemian and Hungarian and Harbor Missions.

We recommend the following: Resolved, That the Classis regrets its inability to assume the apportionment for these worthy causes.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. STAUFFER,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

P. G. HERMAN.

The report was considered item by item, the items and recommendations severally adopted, and the report was adopted as a whole.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions is as follows:

To the Classis of North Carolina.

REVEREND AND DEAR BRETHREN: The latest intelligence concerning our Japan work is decidedly cheering and inspiring. The difficulties and hindrances, which, to a material extent had restrained its progress, are happily disappearing. The anti-foreign feeling, which for several years had seriously interfered with our progress, and caused the defections of many professed Christians, and thinned the audiences at preaching, has gradually given way to a general feeling of cordiality towards foreigners; so that since the revision of the treaties, and especially since the successful war with China, our missionaries enjoy a much larger measure of favor, while their freedom of movement throughout the entire empire, is all that is desired. Social intimacy with the people is largely increased, and it happily extends to the higher and better classes. The ratio of the middle and upper class of Christians to the total number, is very much greater than that of the whole number of Christians to the total population of the empire. The status of women has improved to a surprising extent. In social gatherings woman is coming to be allowed to share to an extent which in the past was considered a scandal. These general favoring circumstances, together with a more thorough preparation for baptism, the necessity of which past experience has taught both missionaries and native evangelists, serve to inspire our missionaries with new hope and energy.

For a year or more our work has had a serious hindrance by unavoidable circumstances. For several months, in consequence of sickness, and absence on furlough, there were left but two of our missionaries to supervise the evangelistic work of our whole field in Japan. And this, too, with their teaching duties in the Tohoku Gakuin and the onerous cares of the management of the affairs and business interests of the mission. That these two brethren were overburdened and were unable to meet all the requirements devolving upon them, is to put it mildly. No wonder the number of baptisms, during last year, shows a small decrease. But since they have in a measure been relieved by the arrival of Revs. Lampe and Faust, they report that the number of baptisms has largely increased.

Meanwhile, there has been a growing enlargement and ripening throughout the entire field for increased and aggressive work. In a large part of our field the past has been a time of seed-sowing—of preparation. The work has now become too large and widespread for our present force, and the mission is urgent in its call for a large reinforcement, and the needs are so pressing that the call is for speedy action. Already the mission has been compelled to abandon, or to turn over to other missions, some of our outlying points. While the board is thankful to God for the promising condition of our work, it feels itself confronted with an anxious alternative, shall it favor the turning aside by our mission from heaven presented openings, or turn them over to other missions, or will our home church furnish the means for the onward progress of the work? This alternative, in the fear of God, we present to our Reformed Church. If our work in Japan is to go forward, we must have more workers.

Our educational work is in a more promising condition than in the recent past. The educational department of the government has imposed such limitations upon mission schools, as subjecting its students to military conscription and discriminating against them in appointment to office. This had the effect to induce our advanced students to leave our school and enter the government schools, where they were free from these damaging restrictions. This took from us many young men who we had hoped would enter the work of evangelists. Application has been made to the educational department to relieve mission schools of this evil. It now looks as though this will be granted on certain conditions, which can be complied with, without sacrificing their character as religious schools. With relief in this respect, we look forward to our school regaining its lost ground.

Our Girls' School is in a most promising condition. The govern-

ment lays no restrictions on girls' schools. We have near about as many pupils as our facilities will permit. We could take in more had we sufficient equipment. In consequence of Miss Zurfluh's disability for several months, caused by an attack of typhoid fever, and the complete break-down of Miss Rohrbaugh's health, necessitating her return to this country, and subsequent resignation, our school for several weeks suffered some detriment. But that difficulty has been overcome by the arrival of Misses Weidner and Powell, sent out a few months ago and Miss Catharine Pifer, recently appointed, who will go to Japan the coming fall. Miss Zurfluh is now on furlough in this country, who will return again to her work during the next year.

Rev. W. E. Lampe and Rev. A. R. Faust, both married, were sent out during the year 1900. Our other missionaries and their families are in good health, and laboriously engaged in the discharge of their duties.

We are unable to give any definite information as to our proposed China missions. Our last intelligence is to the effect that our missionaries were still in Japan, ready and awaiting the day for their safe departure to Hunan, China. From a private source we learn that they expected to leave for China during the month of February. We are anxiously awaiting further intelligence.

We are sorry to inform your Reverend Classis that our board is some \$10,000 or \$11,000 in debt. We would, therefore, most earnestly request your helpful action.

In behalf of the board,

S. N. CALLENDER,

Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

ARTICLE XV.

RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

The report of the Committee on Religion and Statistics was submitted on Friday afternoon and is as follows:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Religion and Statistics beg leave to report as follows:

From the parochial reports placed in our hands, we learn that the work of our Lord has prospered during the year within the bounds of this Classis.

The Word has been preached, the ordinances administered, the children instructed in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion,

the sick and dying visited and the dead buried and the consolation of the Gospel offered to all who were afflicted.

Of course, in these reports there are references made to matters that are not of an encouraging nature, for we are all imperfect and unable to come up to the full measure of our privileges, opportunities and duties. Their predominant sentiment, however, is one of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for innumerable mercies received and of bright hope for the future.

Notwithstanding unusually heavy losses, the membership has increased and commendable progress has been made in the different departments of church work. Church work conventions have been held with much blessing to our people. \$370.71 more was contributed by Classis for congregational purposes than last year. The erection of three new houses of worship with the promise of another soon at High Point, is a cause for great rejoicing. The missionary spirit is liberally manifested by our people, and their devotion to the faith of their fathers and to the extension of the kingdom of our blessed Lord should be properly fostered.

There are many signs that the people have advanced in grace and in the knowledge of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

With gratitude to God and firm trust in His loving guidance, may we all increase in the same, remembering that to know Him aright is life eternal.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HESSON,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,

B. F. LOW.

The report was adopted. The statistics will be found in the Appendix.

ARTICLE XVI.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Daniel's Reformed Church, of the Lincoln Charge, Reepsville, N. C., was selected as the place of the next annual meeting of Classis, and Thursday, May 15th, A. D. 1902, at 11 o'clock a. m., as the time.

ARTICLE XVII.

EDUCATION.

The Trustees of Catawba College on Thursday afternoon presented their report as follows, which, after being read, was referred to Committee on Education:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

The Trustees of Catawba College beg leave to present the following report:

Many changes in the school have taken place since your last meeting. At the last annual meeting the Trustees were called upon to consider the resignation of all the college professors. Changes of this kind always have a tendency to disorganize work. The Faculty was reorganized, however, by electing Charles H. Mebane, President; John A. Foil, Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics; Peter M. Trexler, D. D., Professor of Greek and German; Louis R. Wilson, Professor of English and History, and Jesse B. Leonard as Tutor. Miss Etta Curtis is in charge of the Primary Department and Miss Lillie Rowe had charge of the Music until Christmas; since that time Mrs. Gunter has been the teacher in that department.

The number of students in attendance during the last scholastic year was one hundred and sixty-two. The attendance this year will exceed that of last year. A class of eight was graduated at the commencement last May—the largest in the history of the institution. Six of these were young men; two young women. Two of these young men are students for the ministry. One has been in the Seminary at Lancaster and the other has been studying in the Ursinus School of Theology at Philadelphia.

The work done in the different departments of the school this year has been satisfactory. There is no Senior class this year and consequently there will be no graduating exercises at the coming commencement. The Executive Committee have arranged that a semi-centennial service shall be held on commencement day, at which time the Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., will deliver the principal address.

Improvements in painting, refitting and repairing the main building have been made during the year, while the grounds have also been improved and a new fence built. A new piano for the use of the College has also been purchased.

Nothing has been done towards erecting the proposed new build-

ings, mention of which was made in the report last year and for which it was reported that certain sums of money had been pledged by the different synods and certain individuals. Neither have any additions to the endowment fund been made during the past year. Synod has not promptly paid the \$1,000 promised to be paid annually by that body. At this time over \$1,000 of that fund is past due to the college. It is the duty, we think, of the delegates to the next annual meeting of the Synod to call the attention of that body to this fact.

The last report of the Treasurer showed that his receipts for the past year were \$5,500, including a loan of \$1,500, which was spent in improving the Matron's Hall.

The Treasurer says, "If the obligations of Synod to the college should be promptly met, and the interest on the endowment and tuition bills paid with reasonable promptness, the annual receipts would be sufficient to meet the current expenses." From this we see the urgent necessity of collecting all funds due the college.

The college has many needs and one of these needs is a renewed interest in the sympathy and prayers of the ministers of the Classis. Let us rally around our school, which has been handed down to us as one of the richest legacies of the Church.

J. L. MURPHY,

President of the Trustees.

The Committee on Education presented its report on Saturday morning, which, as adopted, follows:

The Committee on Education makes the following report:

From the report of the President of the Trustees of Catawba College, we learn that some important changes have been made in and around the college buildings; also that changes have been made in the faculty, Hon. Chas. H. Mebane having been elected as Dr. Clapp's successor as President; Louis R. Wilson was elected Professor of English and History; Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., Mr. J. B. Leonard and Miss Curtis retain their former positions.

While we feel sure that the present faculty is doing a noble work, we would not forget the untiring zeal and self-sacrificing labors of the retiring President, Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., and we hereby place on record an expression of our appreciation and thanks.

We regret to note that the work of erecting the proposed new buildings has not been carried forward. We recommend that the Synod of the Potomac be urged to see that the interest on the \$17,000

endowment be paid promptly each year, thus enabling the trustees to meet their financial obligations.

We most heartily recommend this institution to the patronage of the members of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. SECHLER,

W. H. MCNAIRY,

J. W. HEDRICK.

ARTICLE XVIII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Committee on Ministerial Necrology presented its report Saturday afternoon, and it was adopted by a rising vote, as follows:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on Necrology beg to offer the following report:

During the last classical year one of our beloved brethren and fellow-laborers has been called, in the very prime of his life, from the Church militant to the Church triumphant.

Rev. Gerny Weber was born at Rebersburg, Centre county, Pa., September 14th, 1868, and died at Salisbury, N. C., November 19th, 1900, aged 32 years, two months and five days. His mother died before he was two years old, and his father died while he was a student at college. We have the testimony of one of his pastors that from boyhood up he was exceptionally regular in his attendance at church, Sunday School and prayer meeting. He entered Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., in 1888, and graduated from the same in 1892. After taking the prescribed course in the Eastern Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pa., he accepted a call June 15th, 1895, from the Glen Rock Charge, just then organized, Glen Rock, Pa. His pastoral labors here extended over a period of four years and three months, and were crowned with success. He resigned September 10th, 1899, to become pastor of Faith Reformed Mission, Salisbury, N. C., where he continued to labor until his death.

After an illness of seventeen weeks he fell peacefully asleep in Jesus. His remains were removed to Glen Rock, Pa., where they were tenderly laid to rest in Trinity Reformed cemetery, which he himself had consecrated five years ago.

Feb. 15th, 1900, Rev. Weber was married to Miss Jennie Moesinger, who, with five brothers and four sisters, survives him.

In view of the great sorrow that has fallen upon this Classis in the removal from us of this dear brother, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Classis has heard with sorrow of this sad dispensation of Providence, yet humbly bows to the will of our Heavenly Father in the assurance that He doeth all things well and will sanctify afflictions to the good of those who endure them.

Resolved, That in the death of Rev. Weber, we recognize the loss of a dear brother, a man of beautiful Christian character, of great energy, of studious habits, and of great devotion to the interests of Faith Mission and the Church at large.

Resolved, That we extend our sincere sympathy and condolence to Mrs. Weber, and assure her that her heroic resignation to an infinitely wise though mysterious Providence has greatly aided us in likewise humbly submitting to God and seeing in our mutual affliction only that which shall be an eternal weight of glory in the world which is to come.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Weber.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HESSON,

J. C. LIPPARD.

ARTICLE XIX.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

The Committee on Examination and Licensure reported as follows:

Your committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report that no applicant appeared before them.

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HESSON,

H. D. WARLICK.

This report was adopted.

ARTICLE XX.

FINANCE.

Saturday afternoon the Committee on Finance presented its report, which, as amended and finally adopted, follows:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following report:
Having examined the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with the same, we find it correct and recommend its adoption.

The Treasurer's report is as follows:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

I beg leave to make my annual report for the year 1900-1901, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

RECEIVED ON APPORTIONMENTS.

CHARGES.	Contingent Fund.	Church Building.	Theological Seminary.	Home Missions.	Catawba College.	Beneficiary Education.
Balance in Treasury	\$ 56 02	\$ 92 50	.....	\$315 72	\$ 22 59	\$18 00
Guilford	15 00	20 00	\$ 1 50	65 00	9 00	.....
Burlington	7 00	7 20	1 00	24 00	3 24	.....
Hickory	14 00	19 00	2 25	55 00	9 25	.....
Central Rowan	8 00	9 80	1 50	30 00	4 55	.....
West Rowan	11 00	16 00	1 50	6 35	7 50	.....
East Rowan	17 00	20 00	2 25	64 00	9 00	.....
Lincoln	15 50	20 00	3 00	66 00	8 75	.....
Thomasville	7 00	8 00	1 00	20 00	3 00	.....
Upper Davidson	19 00	24 00	3 00	68 00	9 50	.....
Lower Davidson	7 35	11 00	1 00	50 00	7 25	.....
Catawba	4 00	7 00	75	20 00	3 25	.....
Newton	10 00	14 00	2 00	40 00	6 00	.....
New Gilead	19 00	15 00	1 00	23 28	6 50	.....
Concord	4 00	5 00	75	14 00	2 00	.....
Salisbury	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00	50	.....
Lenoir	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00	25	.....
Mt. Bethel	1 00	1 00	50	3 00	50	.....
Total	\$208 87	\$292 50	\$25 00	\$872 35	\$112 64	\$18 00

Foreign Missions:

Balance in the Treasury	\$ 40 59
Lenoir Mission	3 10
W. M. S. Concord	2 30
East Rowan Charge, Grace Church	40 00
East Rowan Charge, Bethel Sunday School	96 44
East Rowan Charge, Bethel Sunday School, for H. K. Miller	5 00
Lower Davidson Charge	3 00
Hickory Charge	20 00

Concord.....	2 23
"Willing Helpers," Newton Charge.....	3 10
Thomasville Charge.....	4 55
Burlington Charge.....	3 75
Upper Davidson Charge, Pilgrim Church.....	5 50
Upper Davidson Charge, Bethany Church.....	3 05
Central Rowan Charge, Mt. Hope Church.....	3 22
Central Rowan Charge, St. Luke's Church.....	5 00
Central Rowan Charge, Bethany Church.....	7 81
Central Rowan Charge, Shiloh Church.....	11 19

Total.....\$259 83

Special Funds:

Guilford Charge, Children's Day.....	\$ 2 67
Newton Charge, Grace Reformed Sunday School.....	7 95
Lenoir Mission for Washington Memorial Church.....	3 20

Total.....\$ 13 82

Salisbury Church Debt:

Balance in the Treasury.....	\$ 40 00
Refunded to Treasury per Rev. G. Weber.....	65 00
Salisbury Mission.....	67 50
Mrs. M. A. Crowell.....	5 00
Rev. H. E. Sechler.....	5 00
Dr. J. C. Clapp.....	5 00
Rev. J. N. Faust.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Maiden Church.....	5 00
P. E. Campbell.....	5 00
M. J. Rowe.....	5 00
Rev. W. H. McNairy.....	5 00
Eli D. A. Beaver.....	5 00
Rev. J. D. Andrew.....	5 00
Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.....	5 00
Rev. Paul Barringer.....	5 00
Rev. Clarence Clapp.....	5 00
John W. Peeler.....	5 00

Total.....\$242 50

Borrowed Funds:

From Shuford's Bank.....	\$800 00
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out of Contingent Fund:

Transferred to Church Building Fund.....	\$ 7 50
Transferred to Catawba College Fund.....	6 16
Balance on Outstanding Notes.....	38 77
Dr. J. C. Clapp, Traveling Expenses.....	2 00
Printing Minutes of Classis.....	50 00
Rev. J. L. Murphy, Expenses to Potomac Synod.....	12 00
Rev. J. D. Andrew, Expenses to General Synod.....	4 50
Treasurer's Salary and Expenses.....	14 30
Stated Clerk's Salary and Expenses.....	31 50
Contingent Fund Potomac Synod.....	15 00
Contingent Fund General Synod.....	25 00
Rev. T. C. Hesson, Expenses to Synod.....	12 00
Total.....	\$218 73
Balance due Treasurer.....	9 86

Paid out of Church Building Fund:

Jno. J. Nissley, Treasurer Board of Missions.....	\$200 00
Rev. J. D. Andrew, Burlington Church.....	100 00
Total.....	\$300 00
Balance in Treasury.....	100 00

Paid out of Home Mission Fund:

Dr. P. M. Trexler, Lenoir Mission, last year.....	\$ 20 00
Dr. P. M. Trexler, present year.....	20 00
Rev. J. L. Murphy, Mt. Bethel Mission.....	5 00
Jno. J. Nissley, Treasurer Home Mission Board.....	295 72
Rev. J. L. Murphy, Mt. Bethel Mission.....	25 00
Total.....	\$365 72
Balance in Treasury.....	506 63

Due the Treasurer:

West Rowan Charge.....	\$ 41 65
New Gilead Charge.....	21 72

Paid out of Beneficiary Education Fund:

W. S. Clapp, Student at Catawba College.....	\$ 18 00
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Paid out of Catawba College Fund:

Dr. J. A. Foil, Treasurer Catawba College.....	\$118 00
Balance in Treasury.....	55

Paid out of Foreign Mission Fund:

Dr. Jos. L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	\$220 31
Balance in the Treasury.....	39 52

Paid out of Special Funds:

Dr. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer S. S. Board.....	\$ 10 62
Rev. C. S. Slagle, for Memorial Church, Washington.....	3 20

Total.....	\$ 13 82
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Paid out of Borrowed Funds:

Lexington Church Lot.....	\$400 00
High Point Church Lot.....	400 00

Total.....	\$800 00
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May 1st, 1901.

M. J. ROWE, Treasurer.

We recommend the following apportionments for objects of benevolence:

APPORTIONMENT

FOR OBJECTS OF BENEVOLENCE.

CHARGES.	Contingent Fund.	Church Building.	Beneficiary Education.	Theological Seminary.	Home Missions.	Catawba College.
Guilford.....	\$ 15 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 60 00	\$ 8 00
Burlington.....	11 66	10 80	3 75	1 00	25 00	3 25
Hickory.....	26 43	35 00	12 00	2 50	62 00	10 25
Central Rowan.....	14 33	14 70	5 50	1 50	22 00	4 55
West Rowan.....	19 33	25 00	8 00	1 50	50 00	7 50
East Rowan.....	29 33	31 00	10 50	2 25	67 00	9 00
Lincoln.....	27 90	31 00	11 00	3 00	69 00	8 75
Thomasville.....	12 16	12 00	4 00	1 00	21 00	3 00
Upper Davidson.....	27 66	32 00	10 50	2 50	66 00	8 50
Lower Davidson.....	10 58	15 00	5 00	85	50 00	7 00
Catawba.....	6 66	10 50	3 50	75	20 75	3 25
Newton.....	17 66	21 00	7 35	2 00	42 00	6 00
New Gilead.....	16 66	22 50	7 50	1 00	46 00	6 50
Concord.....	6 66	7 50	2 50	75	14 75	2 00
Salisbury.....	3 33	3 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	50
Lenoir.....	1 66	1 50	50	1 00	4 00	25
Mt. Bethel.....	1 66	1 50	50	50	3 50	50
Lexington.....	4 00	5 25	1 60	75	10 00	1 00
High Point.....	50	75	30	15	1 00	20
Total.....	\$253 17	\$300 00	\$100 00	\$25 00	\$650 00	\$90 00

Respectfully submitted,

T. C. HESSON,
G. A. STAUFFER.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On Thursday afternoon a committee on Leave of Absence was appointed, consisting of Revs. W. H. McNairy, H. E. Sechler and Elder W. P. Goodnight. Near the close of the sessions this committee made its report as follows, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence report that the following members of Classis have been excused: Dr. J. C. Clapp and Rev. J. L. Murphy after Thursday evening; Revs. C. Clapp and T. C. Hesson

and Elders T. W. S. Grimes, S. T. Wilfong, M. J. Rowe, J. C. Lip-
pard, W. P. Goodnight, J. W. Hedrick and P. G. Herman after Fri-
day evening; Rev. C. H. Riedesel and Elder D. W. Moore after Sat-
urday noon.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McNAIRY,
H. E. SECHLER.

The following sums were from time to time referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment: Contingent Fund of General Synod, \$50; Arrearage in the Contingent Fund of Classis, \$12; Printing the Minutes of Classis, \$45; Church Building, \$200; Interest on Notes, \$48; Safety Deposit Box Rent, \$4; Stated Clerk's Salary and Expenses, \$33.25; Treasurer's Salary and Expenses, \$14.91.

At the session Friday afternoon it was decided that the Classis should pay half the traveling expenses of two delegates to the General Synod and two to the Synod of the Potomac.

Rev. H. E. Sechler was appointed supply for the Lower Davidson charge.

The following resolution with reference to the Catawba Charge was adopted:

Resolved, That Rev. J. L. Murphy be appointed a commissioner with instructions to co-operate with the officers of the Catawba Charge in securing a pastor.

The following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Classis be extended to the members and friends of Shiloh Reformed Church for the considerate and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us while holding our annual sessions in their midst.

Resolved, That we carry with us most pleasant memories of our sojourn among them, and that we pray God's blessing to rest upon them.

Resolved, That these resolutions be read from the pulpit to-morrow by the pastor *loci*.

On Thursday morning a committee consisting of Revs. G. A. Stauffer, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elder P. G. Herman was appointed with whom the Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions may communicate from time to time during the year and who may in various ways co-operate with him in his work.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Classis having finished the transaction of all business, the roll was called and no one was found absent without permission. The minutes of the day's session were then read and approved. The services provided by the Committee on Religious Services were observed, and the President declared the Classis adjourned.

J. D. ANDREW, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Enochville, December 29th, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., in obedience to the following call:

China Grove, N. C., Dec. 14th, 1900.

DEAR BROTHER: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in St. Paul's Church, West Rowan Charge, December 29th, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m., to consider the following items:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. Paul Barringer and the New Gilead Charge.

2. To provide pastoral care for Blowing Rock Mission, Rev. C. Clapp having declined the appointment.

A. SHULENBERGER, President.

The President called the Classis to order and conducted the devotional services. Rev. W. H. McNairy was appointed Stated Clerk *pro tem*. The following members were present: Revs. Paul Barringer, J. M. L. Lyerly, W. H. McNairy, A. Shulenberger, C. H. Riedesel and H. E. Sechler; Elders, Levi Deal and A. G. Bost.

The items of the call were disposed of in the following action: Satisfactory papers being in the hands of Classis, the pastoral relation between Rev. P. Barringer and the New Gilead Charge was dissolved, and the charge declared vacant. 2. Information having reached the Classis through the Stated Clerk that Rev. C. Clapp declines to supply Mt. Bethel congregation at Blowing Rock, the congregation was placed under the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy, with the original remuneration.

The items of the call having been disposed of, the Classis adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by the President.

A. SHULENBERGER, President.

W. H. MCNAIRY, Stated Clerk, *pro tem*.

SPECIAL MEETING.

In accordance with a call for a meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., January 19th, 1901, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., the following persons were present: Revs. W. A. Long, P. M. Trexler, C. Clapp and J. A. Foil, and Elder M. J. Rowe.

There being no quorum present the Classis adjourned until February 23d, 1901, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. The following persons were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, W. A. Long, and J. A. Foil, and Elders P. G. Herman and M. J. Rowe.

Rev. J. C. Clapp was chosen President *pro tem*., and Rev. J. A. Foil, Stated Clerk *pro tem*. The devotional services were conducted by the President. The call is as follows:

China Grove, N. C., Jan. 3d, 1901.

DEAR BROTHER: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., January 19th, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., to consider the following items:

1. To consider the resignation of Rev. A. Shulenberger as President of the Classis of North Carolina. 2. To dismiss Rev. A. Shulenberger to the Classis of Virginia, Synod of the Potomac.

A. SHULENBERGER, President.

The items were disposed of as follows: 1. The resignation was accepted. 2. Rev. A. Shulenberger was, at his own request, dismissed to the Classis of Virginia, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with the proper certificate.

The Classis adjourned with the benediction.

J. C. CLAPP, President, *pro tem.*

J. A. FOIL, Stated Clerk, *pro tem.*

The Woman's Missionary Society of North Carolina Classis.

Minutes of the Session of 1901.

The Fifth Annual Session of the Woman's Classical Society was held at Faith, N. C., in Mrs. Peeler's parlor.

Meeting was called to order Thursday, May 2d, 9 a. m., by the Vice-President, Mrs. G. T. Crowell, the President being absent.

The opening exercises consisted of Scripture reading by Mrs. Crowell and prayer by Mrs. W. H. McNairy.

The Recording Secretary and Treasurer being absent, Mrs. Stauffer was appointed Treasurer *pro tem*, and Miss Frances Lippard Secretary.

A letter was read from our President, in which she expressed deep regret at not being able to be with us. She asked us to look to our Leader for guidance.

The following committees were appointed:

On Credentials—Miss Lizzie Bostian and Mrs. J. D. Andrew. Literature—Miss Frances Lippard and Mrs. L. R. Whitener. Finance—Mrs. Stauffer, Mrs. McNairy, Miss Daisy Barrier. Courtesies—Miss Lucy Fry and Miss Addie Barrier.

Committee on Credentials reported the following present: Minister's wives—Mesdames Stauffer, McNairy, Hesson, Lyerly and Riedesel. Delegates—Bethel (East Rowan), Miss Dona Rodgers; Faith, Mrs. Fisher; Grace (Newton), Miss Lucy Fry; St. Luke's, Mrs. Peeler.

It was suggested that Japan be the subject of study and discussion for the afternoon.

Society adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p. m., and opened by the Vice-President.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Reports from the delegates were given, which were full of interest. They showed that our women have not been sitting with folded hands the past year, but have been working in the Master's cause. Most of them show an increase in membership and in the interest taken in the work.

Most of the money made by the Societies has been used in their own churches, for carpets, church furniture, improvements in parsonages, etc.

All committees were requested to report at the meeting Friday morning.

After some discussion on financial matters, a short time was spent talking about Japan. The papers read and the short talks show there is still work for us in that country.

Adjourned to meet Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The meeting opened at 9 o'clock with devotional exercises, reading the 53d Psalm and prayer by the Vice-President.

The Recording Secretary was present, and proceeded at once to the discharge of her duties.

The roll was called and a number of new names added, of delegates and visiting members. Miss Mary Moose, from Mt. Pleasant; Miss Ada Rothrock, Lexington; Mrs. Vivian Peeler, Miss Katie Foil, Mesdames Barringer, Brown, Barrier and others whose names we failed to obtain.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Miss Mary Moose gave an interesting report from Bear Creek, and Mrs. Whitener told of the renewed interest manifested in the work at Hickory.

The Constitution was read for the benefit of those who had

never heard it. No changes or improvements were suggested.

The claims of the Woman's Journal and Our Mission Helper were presented by Mrs. Whitener and Miss Lippard and several subscriptions were taken for both papers.

The Committee on Courtesies read the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, first, That the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of North Carolina Classis send to Miss Ida Hedrick, President, and Miss Mamie Clapp, Treasurer, an expression of deepest sorrow at their absence from the annual meeting of the society. Although absent in body, we are sure they are present in spirit, and we know their prayers have aided us in our deliberations.

Resolved, second, That we extend to Mrs. Weber an expression of our sincere sympathy in the great loss which she has sustained by the death of her husband. We regret very much to lose her from our society.

Resolved, third, That we feel we have sustained a great loss through the death of Mrs. M. C. Stuart (*nee* Miss Ava Faust), who was one of our most faithful workers, and a kind and loving friend; and that we extend to the bereaved husband and family our heartfelt sympathy in their loss.

Resolved, fourth, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Misses Hedrick and Clapp, Mrs. Weber, and Mr. Stuart, and that they also be published in our minutes.

Resolved, fifth, That we extend our sincere thanks to the members of Shiloh Church and their friends for the kind hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

Resolved, sixth, That our hearty thanks be given Mrs. Peeler for the use of her room during our business meetings.

(Signed.)

MISS LUCY FRY,
MISS DAISY BARRIER.

Committee on Finance asked for more time, as the reports from the auxiliary societies were not all in.

Miss Lippard read an appeal from Rev. J. C. Leonard for aid in building a church edifice at High Point. Help for the Burlington Mission was also solicited and the needs of Mt. Bethel were mentioned. Ten dollars was voted to be given to each of these places.

The Deaconess' Home, at Alliance, Ohio, and the need of more money to carry on the good work was set forth by Mrs. Laura Fisher. After some discussion it was thought best not to try to help the cause this year, as there are so many urgent claims nearer home.

It was moved that our Treasurer find out something about our girl at Sendai, and how much is needed for her support this year. And, after that amount has been sent, the balance in Treasury be loaned to High Point or Burlington Mission.

Our Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write to Miss Zurfluh to see if she could be induced to come to Concord and other points, and increase our interest in the work.

It was decided that the minutes be printed, as usual, with the minutes of the Classis.

Mrs. Whitener was asked to send an account of the meeting to Corinthian and Woman's Journal; Mrs. Stauffer to the Record; Miss Lippard to the Messenger, and Mrs. McNairy to the Christian World.

It was decided that we change the time for the election of officers, and, at our next meeting, have the election at the beginning instead of the close of the session.

The following officers were then elected:

President, Miss Mary Ida Hedrick, Vice-President, Mrs. Stauffer; Treasurer, Mrs. G. T. Crowell, Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. R. Whitener; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Frances Lippard.

Meeting closed with singing the Long Meter Doxology.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 p. m. the meeting was called to order. Devotional exercises, reading 67th Psalm and prayer by Mrs. Stauffer.

Roll called; twenty-five present.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Meeting was closed with singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Adjourned till next annual meeting.

At 8 o'clock p. m. the following program was given to a crowded house:

Music—"Tell it Out"—by Choir.

Scripture Reading—Mrs. Crowell.

Prayer—Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Address of Welcome—Miss Sallie Peeler.

Response—Mrs. LeRoy R. Whitener.

Vocal Solo—"We Shall be as the Light of the Morning"—Miss Daisy Barrier.

Recitation—The Missionary's Dream—Miss Lizzie Bostian.

Paper—A Chinese Characteristic, by Mrs. Reidesel, read by Miss Lucy Fry.

Vocal Solo—My Mother's Favorite Hymn, by Mrs. Stauffer.

Reading—"When the Deacon Talked in Church," by Mrs. Crowell.

Hymn—From Greenland's Icy Mountains.

Address by Rev. Dr. Moore.

Offerings.

Doxology and Benediction by Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE WHITENER, Recording Secretary.

For the year ending April 30th, A. D., 1901. I hereby certify that these statistics are carefully and officially prepared.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES, OR CONGREGATIONS.	MEMBERS.			ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		Students for Ministry.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes of Synod Wanted.	Church Papers Taken.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.			
		Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Cert. or Ren'l of Prof'n.	Dismissal.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths Communicants	Deaths Unconfirmed.		No. of Schools.	No. Officers & Teachers.				No. Scholars.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purpose
John Ingle.	Without charge.																	Green Park, N. C.				
Michael L. Hedrick.	Without charge.																	Silver Hill, N. C.				
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	Without charge.																	Newton, N. C.				
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.	Prof. in Catawba Col.																	Newton, N. C.				
John A. Foll, Ph. 2	Without charge.																	Newton, N. C.				
Paul Barntier.	Hickory.	3	262	216	160	13	9	19	6	5	16	4	1	3	53	194	1	\$228 00	\$1052 38	15	75	Hickory, N. C.
Jacob C. Leonard, B. D.	Lexington	3	40	21	20	7	6	9	31				11	11	87	1	9 00	215 00	6	7	Lexington, N. C.	
J. M. Luther Lysterly	Central Rowan.	4	165	125	216	10	12	18	6				45	465	1	96 00	385 00	21		Crescent, N. C.		
James D. Andrew.	Burlington	3	132	111	41	10	11	13	11	1			3	16	372	52 00	626 00	18	15	Burlington, N. C.		
Julius H. Shuldor.	Without charge.																					
Harv A. M. Holshouser	Upper Davidson.	4	462	354	203	13	21	38	3	30			38	406	2	218 00	683 00	51	60	Lexington, N. C.		
Wm. H. McNeairy	Concord	1	67	51	21	1		7	2				1	1	53		59 50	421 50	6	12	Concord, N. C.	
B. Frank Davis	Without charge.																				West Chester, Pa	
Clarence Clapp.	Without charge.																				Newton, N. C.	
Charles C. Heson	Lincoln	4	330	300	149	13		9	4	2			26	155	1	237 54	573 08	23	63	Maiden, N. C.		
Charles H. Kiedescl.	East Rowan.	3	306	321	224	19		29	9	10			4	42	365	251 50	554 00	16	32	Rockwell, N. C.		
Wm. A. Long, Ph. D	Newton	4	149	139	67	7		5	1	2			15	63		113 00	826 00	10	30	Newton, N. C.		
Jacob N. Faust.	Thomasville	3	194	191	60	3	6	12	4	4			3	34	145	1	75 00	405 00	15	30	Thomasville, N. C.	
George A. Slaughter	Gulford	2	318	278	101	6		36	5	14			28	232	1	110 50	380 00	23	38	Danville, N. C.		
Henry E. Secler	Lower Davidson	5	249	144	75	5	1	13					4	45	192	1	77 50	177 70	22	11	McKee, N. C.	
Vacant	New Gilead.	2	248	211	144								2	18	123		83 32	474 40	9	8	Mt Pleasant, N. C.	
J. L. Murphy, Supply.	Blowing Rock	1	18	12	25								1	8		6 00	322 00	4	7	Green Park, N. C.		
Vacant	Salisbury.	2			18								8	30		18 29		6		Salisbury, N. C.		
Vacant	West Rowan	2	206	184	121								26	200		57 00	430 00	14		China Grove, N. C.		
Vacant	Catawba.	4	150	102	60								14	48 00		270 00	9		Conover, N. C.			
P. M. Trexler, Supply.	Lenoir.	1	11	11		1							14			12 55	34 36	4		Lenoir, N. C.		
I. C. Leonard, Missionary	High Point.	1	19																		High Point, N. C.	

STATISTICAL SUMMARY **CLASSES OF POTOMAC SYNOD; AND THE SEVERAL SYNODS.**

	MEMBERS.										ADDITIONS.		LOSSES.				S. S. STATISTICS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.			
	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Re-Prof.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasures.	Deaths, Communicants.	Deaths, Unconfirmed.	Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.	
Zion's.....	16	36	4766	4087	2940	300	27	224	159	62	178	1	111	101	56	38	577	5007	1	\$4,085 30	\$28,990 00	
Maryland.....	46	65	9998	8006	5925	476	29	301	277	82	40	50	68	16	22	391	1107	7945	7	14,035 00	82,220 00	
Mercersburg.....	16	26	3363	2853	1601	106	44	145	81	52	44	25	48	12	22	391	18,360 50	2791	6	4,331 50	18,360 50	
Virginia.....	16	33	2583	1991	1205	68	38	88	39	57	55	26	49	15	40	233	250	1529	1	3,062 00	10,552 38	
North Carolina.....	23	44	5376	2748	1693	141	38	113	57	87	87	48	82	65	40	280	2688	2688	6	2,228 00	8,262 00	
Gettysburg.....	18	20	6239	52-8	3647	326	21	261	103	87	81	42	47	13	13	5	439	3518	9	4,431 00	14,036 00	
Carlisle.....	10	21	2474	2120	1219	73	21	72	67	72	67	81	88	87	43	45	3-8	2139	3	2,754 35	11,278 48	
Junata.....	19	52	6056	5161	3245	238	69	268	162	146	146	..	88	87	42	45	670	44-27	5	6,717 00	25,803 00	
Synod of Potomac (Total)	8	164	306	39,107	32,213	21,475	1731	291	1567	975	708	1	486	631	307	260	4052	30,144	38	\$42,514 15	\$198,412 25	
Eastern Synod.....	12	313	523	98,471	80,717	50,923	5306	575	4864	3053	1830	6	1686	1871	969	569	8927	72,303	87	97,068 04	448,465 87	
Ohio Synod.....	6	138	232	20,017	20,365	6,327	762	550	1364	1067	549	1	825	364	111	222	3438	23,523	28	23,773 00	123,651 00	
Synod of Pittsburg.....	5	83	118	18,870	15,709	10,106	937	127	719	668	3-0	312	278	116	128	1642	11,976	10	33,058 51	109,219 81		
Synod of the Northwest.....	11	165	219	22,238	15,306	14,306	1634	26	1069	804	217	4	562	365	146	185	1469	13,214	25	17,705 00	104,169 00	
German Synod of the East	5	66	57	15,366	12,022	10,476	1293	21	840	733	93	1	434	322	60	59	1184	11,912	10	9,542 00	95,542 00	
Central Synod.....	5	55	120	21,084	15,268	12,056	1304	27	977	691	297	7	313	325	509	32	..	..	..	16,827 00	85,372 00	
Synod of the Interior.....	5	60	3-265	2,712	1,475	1,475	143	57	144	177	115	2	161	38	9	61	..	751	4,682	6	5,042 43	30,667 65
Total Eight District Synods	57	1084	16,323	318	194,402	127,294	12,706	1698	11,544	8168	4169	22	5419	4184	1818	1506	21,493	167,235	204	\$245,111 13	\$1,189,369 58	

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH
IN THE
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Seventy-Second Annual Session,

HELD IN
DANIEL'S REFORMED CHURCH,
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OFFICERS OF THE CLASSIS:

PRESIDENT: Rev. W. H. McNairy.....Concord, N. C.
STATED CLERK: Rev. J. C. Leonard.....Lexington, N. C.
TREASURER: Elder M. J. Rowe.....Newton, N. C.

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA

OF THE

Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF CLASSIS.

The Classis of North Carolina, Synod of the Potomac, of the Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Daniel's Reformed Church, of the Lincoln charge, Lincolnton, N. C., Thursday, May 15th, A. D., 1902, at 11 o'clock, a. m. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. J. D. Andrew, from Acts 26:22: "Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come."

After the sermon the Classis was formally constituted. The Stated Clerk called the roll, and a quorum was found to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

MINISTERS : J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. C. Leonard, B. D., J. D. Andrew, W. H. McNairy, C. H. Riedesel, G. A. Stauffer, H. E. Sechler, J. H. Keller and W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D.; ELDERS : L. P. Shepherd, Burlington charge; W. A. Welker, Guilford charge; J. P. Long, Upper Davidson charge; T. W. S. Grimes, Thomasville charge; J. C. Lippard, Concord charge; M. J. Rowe, Newton charge; G. F. Hedrick, Lower Davidson charge; E. T. Hedrick, High Point mission; D. H. Hinkle, Lexington mission; J. C. Warlick, Lincoln charge; J. S. Whitener, Hickory charge.

The following members appeared at later sessions and took their seats: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser and J. H. Shuford, and A. W. Moose, of the New Gilead charge and J. P. Rabb, of Lenoir mission, Wednesday afternoon; Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly, J. L. Bowers and W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., and Elders Crawford Peeler, of the East Rowan charge; W. E. Deal, of the West Rowan charge; H. C. Peeler, of the Central Rowan charge, and H. C. Corriher, of the Salisbury mission, Friday morning.

The Catawba charge and Mt. Bethel mission were not represented by Elders.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing Classical year: President, Rev. W. H. McNairy; Vice-President, Rev. J. H. Keller; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. H. Stubblebine; Treasurer, Elder M. J. Rowe. Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with. The President defined the bar of the house to be the pews to the right and four in front of the chancel. The following hours were fixed for opening and closing the sessions of Classis: The daily sessions to open at 9 o'clock; a sermon to be preached each day at 11 o'clock, followed by a recess until 1 o'clock; adjourn at 5 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees:

1. RELIGIOUS SERVICES: Revs. J. L. Murphy, H. E. Sechler and Elder J. C. Warlick.
2. MINUTES OF CLASSIS: Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. H. Keller and Elder L. P. Shepherd.
3. MINUTES OF POTOMAC SYNOD: Revs. C. H. Riedesel, G. A. Stauffer and Elder W. A. Welker.
4. OVERTURES: Revs. G. A. Stauffer, W. H. Stubblebine and Elder J. C. Lippard.
5. EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. D. Andrew and Elder D. H. Hinkle.
6. NOMINATIONS: Revs. G. A. Stauffer, J. H. Keller and Elder E. T. Hedrick.
7. FINANCE: Revs. H. E. Sechler, H. A. M. Holsouser and Elder M. J. Rowe.
8. EDUCATION: Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, J. L. Murphy and Elder J. S. Whitener.
9. MISSIONS: Revs. J. H. Keller, J. D. Andrew and Elder T. W. S. Grimes.

10. RELIGION AND STATISTICS: Revs. J. D. Andrew, G. A. Stauffer and Elder J. P. Long.

11. PRESS REPORTS: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. D. Andrew and Elder G. F. Hedrick

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The pastor *loci* placed in the hands of the Classis a copy of the minutes of the Potomac Synod, and the Stated Clerk furnished copies of the regular and special meetings of Classis.

2. The report of the Treasurer of Classis was presented and read, and then referred to the Committee on Finance to audit.

3. The report of the Trustees of Catawba College was read, and referred to the Committee on Education.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. A number of other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Classis observed the following religious services during its sessions: The sessions of each day were opened and closed with proper religious services. The Committee on Religious Services offered the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to make the following report:

1. THURSDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, P. M., Rev. J. H. Shuford presiding.

(a). The Catholicity of the Reformed Church—Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D.

(b). The Reformed Church Irenic rather than Polemic—Rev. J. C. Leonard, B. D.

2. FRIDAY, 11 O'CLOCK, A. M. Sermon by Rev. G. A. Stauffer.

3. FRIDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, P. M. Services by the Woman's Classical Missionary Society.

4. SATURDAY, 11 O'CLOCK, A. M. Preparatory services; Liturgical services, Rev. W. B. Duttera, Ph. D.; sermon by Rev. J. A. Murphy, D. D.

5. SATURDAY, 8 O'CLOCK, P. M. Church Extension:

(a). Missions in North Carolina—Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D.

(b). Sunday Schools in North Carolina—Rev. J. D. Andrew.

(c). Catawba College—President C. H. Mebane.

6. SUNDAY, 10 O'CLOCK, A. M. Sunday School Addresses by Rev. J. H. Keller and Licentiate W. W. Rowe.

7. SUNDAY, 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

(a). Communion sermon—Rev. J. C. Leonard, B. D.

(b). Sermon in the Lutheran church—Rev. W. H. Stubblebine.

8. CLOSING SERVICES.

(a). Hymn—Rev. C. H. Reidesel.

(b). Address—Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

(c). Prayer—Rev. J. L. Bowers.

(d). Apostles' Creed—The Classis.

(e). Benediction—Rev. W. H. McNairy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY,
H. E. SECHLER,
J. C. WARLICK.

ARTICLE VIII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Reports were read by the several ministers of the Classis, and were referred to the Committee on Religion and Statistics. The constitutional questions were satisfactorily answered by the Elders present.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS.

The Committee on the Minutes of Classis presented its report Thursday afternoon as follows :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA :

Your Committee on the Minutes of Classis beg leave to present the following items of unfinished business :

1. The permanent committee on Sunday Schools consists of Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and H. A. M. Holshouser.

2. The Board of Education consists of Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly and Elders S. T. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe.

3. The committee appointed in the interest of an Orphans' Home consists of Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, H. A. M. Holshouser and J. D. Andrew.

4. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, J. D. Andrew and J. L. Murphy were appointed to superintend church work conventions in the several districts.

5. Rev. Paul Barringer was appointed Commissioner to secure the outside pledges for Salisbury mission.

6. The Mt. Bethel and Lenoir missions were committed to the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

7. West Rowan charge was reported in arrears \$41.65 on Home Missions, and the New Gilead charge \$21.72.

8. Rev. H. E. Sechler was appointed supply for the Lower Davidson charge.

9. Rev. J. L. Murphy was appointed to co-operate with the Catawba charge in securing a pastor.

10. A committee consisting of Revs. G. A. Stauffer, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elder P. G. Herman was appointed to assist the Field Secretary of Home missions.

11. Revs. P. Barringer, W. H. McNairy and C. H. Riedesel were appointed to ordain Licentiate John H. Keller and install him pastor of the New Gilead charge.

12. Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, J. M. L. Lyerly and P. Barringer were appointed to ordain Licentiate Joshua L. Bowers and install him pastor of the West Rowan charge.

13. Revs. J. M. L. Lysterly, W. H. McNairy and C. H. Riedesel were appointed to ordain Licentiate Wm. B. Duttera, Ph. D., and install him pastor of Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury.

14. Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. L. Murphy and T. C. Hesson were appointed to install Rev. H. E. Sechler pastor of the Catawba charge.

15. Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, J. C. Leonard and J. N. Faust were appointed to look after the interests of the Lower Davidson charge, with instructions to assist in securing a pastor.

16. Rev. J. L. Murphy and the Corinth congregation were granted permission to organize a congregation at Brookford, Catawba county.

17. Rev. Wm. H. McMairy was authorized to canvass the town of Concord with a view of organizing a new congregation.

18. Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. A. Foil, Ph. D., and H. E. Sechler were appointed to install Rev. Wm. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., pastor of the Newton charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

J. H. KELLER,

LEVI P. SHEPHERD.

The report was considered by items, and disposed of in the following action :

1. The following report was received and adopted :

Your standing committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that written reports came into our hands from 36 schools. From the reports we learn that there are 3589 enrolled in these schools. From the parochial reports we learn that there are at least 5 more schools in the Classis making a total of 41 schools. The average attendance for the past year was 1634. 17 of the schools continue 12 months in the year. 23 of the schools use Reformed literature. The total amount raised for all purposes is \$774.

For many reasons we recommend that all Reformed Sunday Schools use Reformed Lesson Helps.

We further recommend that this Classis put itself on record as in favor of retaining the Quarterly Temperance Lessons in the International System.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,

J. L. MURPHY.

2. The following report was received and adopted :

The Board of Education begs leave to make the following report :

W. S. Clapp, a student of Catawba College, has been under the care of your Board for the past year and received aid to the extent of \$50. D. E. Bowers, a student of Theology at the school of Theology in Philadelphia, also was granted aid to the extent of \$50. Mr. Bowers has graduated and has accepted work within the bounds of the Classis. Mr Clapp is a promising student and still in school and will need further help. The Board has other applicants but has not been able to grant help for lack of means.

J. L. MURPHY, Chairman.

The members of the Board were re-elected.

3. The following report was received and adopted :

Your Committee on Orphans' Home beg leave to say that in accordance with the desire of the Classis, a letter has been published and pledge cards furnished, and these have been distributed throughout the church through the pastors, and personal letters have been written to the same, urging their attention to this particular work, by presenting the cause and receiving pledges.

In response to their efforts we beg to report the following returns in pledges : East Rowan charge, \$283 ; Concord charge, \$287 ; New Gilead charge, \$400 ; Central Rowan charge, \$1306 ; Catawba charge, \$71.

For the prosecution of the work with a view to its successful completion, your committee would recommend that an agent be appointed to canvass thoroughly the entire Classis, and that this canvass be made as soon as possible ; and that our pastors and consistories be instructed to furnish such assistance as lies in their power.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
J. D. ANDREW.

Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly was appointed as the agent called for in the above report.

4. The duties were reported attended to.

Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, J. D. Andrew and J. L. Murphy were appointed to superintend Church Work Conventions in the several districts of the Classis.

5. No report was made to Classis. Rev. Paul Barringer was reappointed the Commissioner of Classis with instructions to secure the entire balance of outside pledges for the Salisbury mission.

6. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee to whom the Lenoir and Mt. Bethel missions were committed beg leave to report as follows :

The Lenoir mission has been supplied with preaching during the year by student W. W. Rowe, Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., and myself. Not much has been done at Blowing Rock. The place has really been neglected. Services were held several times by your committee and other brethren. The mission is still pleading for a preacher.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY.

7. The arrearages were excused because of peculiar circumstances in the West Rowan and New Gilead charges.

8. The following report was received and adopted :

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN :

Your humble servant begs leave to report that, as appointed supply for the Lower Davidson charge, we labored faithfully in that field during three months following the last annual meeting of Classis, until it appeared to us that the proper thing for us to do was to find work elsewhere. Therefore, after urging the charge to secure the services of a regular pastor and recommending to them the Rev. Paul Barringer, we began work in the Catawba charge on the first Sunday of August, 1901.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. SECHLER.

9. The following report was received and adopted :

Your Commissioner appointed to assist the officers of Catawba charge in securing a pastor begs leave to report that a pastor has been secured in the person of Rev. H. E. Sechler who entered upon the work August 1, 1901.

J. L. MURPHY.

10. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to communicate and co-operate with the Field Secretary of the Board of Home Missions beg leave to report that it has received no communications.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. STAUFFER.

11. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to ordain and install Licentiate John H. Keller pastor of the New Gilead charge report that the duty was performed on the 30th of June, 1901, at 11 o'clock A. M. by two of the committee.

PAUL BARRINGER,
W. H. McNAIRY.

12. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to ordain Licentiate Joshua L. Bowers and install him pastor of the West Rowan charge beg leave to report that the duty was attended to July 14th, 1901, by two members of the committee.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

13. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to ordain Licentiate Wm. B. Duttera and install him pastor of the Salisbury mission beg leave to report that on the 26th day of June, 1901, this was attended to. Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly preached the sermon and Rev. W. H. McNairy conducted the formal service.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,
W. H. McNAIRY.

14. The following report was received and adopted :

The committee appointed to install the Rev. H. E. Sechler pastor of the Catawba charge beg leave to report that the duty was attended to on 29th of September, 1901, by Revs. T. C. Hesson and J. A. Foil, members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY, Chairman.

15. The following report was received and adopted :

The committee to look after the interests of the Lower Davidson charge did not have a meeting as there seemed no occasion for one. Your humble servant as chairman met with the joint consistory of the charge at Mt. Tabor Oct. 19, 1901, which resulted in the leaving of appointments for the holding of an election for Rev. Paul Baringer to become their pastor.

Submitted,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

16. The following report was received and adopted :

In the opinion of the undersigned the time has not arrived for organizing a congregation at Brookford.

J. L. MURPHY.

17. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to canvass Concord with a view of organizing a new congregation begs leave to report that nothing has been done.

W. H. McNAIRY.

18. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to install Rev. W. H. Stubblebine pastor of Grace church, Newton, beg leave to report that the duty was performed on March 23, 1902, the entire committee taking part.

J. L. MURPHY.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following report :

1. A request from Rev. Dr. W. A. Long to be dismissed to Philadelphia Classis.
2. A request from Rev. J. N. Faust and the Joint Consistory of Thomasville charge for the dissolution of the pastoral relation.
3. A request from Rev. J. N. Faust to be dismissed to Philadelphia Classis.
4. A request for offerings for St. Paul's Orphans' Home.
5. Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., asks to be excused for absence.
6. A letter of thanks from Mr. W. S. Clapp, a student at Catawba College.
7. A request from Mr. Milton Whitener for beneficiary aid.
8. Rev. Paul Barringer asks to be excused for absence.
9. A report of student Chas. W. Warlick.
10. A report from student W. H. Causey.
11. Rev. Clarence Clapp asks to be excused for absence.
12. A notification of the reception of Rev. B. F. Davis by Chester Presbytery of the Presbyterian church.
13. A request from Beulah congregation for a deliverance on discipline.
14. An invitation to hold the next annual meeting of Classis in Hickory.
15. A petition asking for the organization of a congregation at Waughtown, and assistance in building a church.
16. Bethany congregation of the Upper Davidson charge asks advice in the disposition of certain property.
17. A request from Lenoir mission for financial aid.
18. A request from Upper Davidson charge concerning delegates to Classis.
19. A request from Central Rowan charge concerning an Orphans' Home.
20. Rev. John Ingle asks to be excused for absence.
21. Mr. H. S. T. Peeler asks to be received under the care of Classis as a student for the ministry.
22. Blowing Rock mission asks for financial aid.
23. Students S. W. Beck, D. E. Bowers and W. W. Rowe ask

to be examined for licensure.

24. Favorable reports from Rev. Dr. J. I. Good concerning students Beck, Bowers and Rowe.

25. A letter from Rev. J. B. Peyton, Ph. D., concerning the reception of certain congregations in South Carolina into our fellowship.

26. Notice of appeal of J. M. Kriminger from the action of the Consistory of Grace church, East Rowan charge.

27. A request from Rev. J. C. Leonard that Licentiate D. E. Bowers be appointed assistant missionary at High Point, and that he be ordained to the Gospel ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. STAUFFER,

W. H. STUBBLEBINE.

The report was considered item by item, and disposed of as follows :

1. At his own request, Rev. Wm. A. Long, Ph. D., was dismissed to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.

2. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. N. Faust and the Thomasville charge was dissolved and the charge declared vacant.

3. At his own request, Rev. J. N. Faust was dismissed to Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.

4. The attention of pastors was called to the worthiness of St. Paul's Orphan Home, and its need of offerings.

5. The request of Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., to be excused for absence was not granted.

6. Adopted.

7. Referred to the Board of Education.

8. The request was granted, and Rev. Paul Barringer was excused for absence.

9. Adopted.

10. Adopted.

11. The request of Rev. Clarence Clapp to be excused for absence was not granted.

12. Adopted.

13. The following resolution was adopted :

RESOLVED, That the attention of the Consistory of Beulah congregation of the Upper Davidson charge be called to the General Constitution of the Reformed Church, and to the deliverances of the Synod and Classis on the subject of temperance.

14. Action was deferred until Classis shall proceed to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting.

15. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

16. Referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. J. M. L. Lysterly, W. B. Duttera and Elder D. H. Hinkle. This committee subsequently made the following report, which was adopted :

Your committee beg leave to recommend with reference to the property of Bethany church in Davidson county that the Consistory make proper overtures to buy or sell, and in case of a refusal to comply with such proposition, then the Consistory, on the advice of a counselor, make application to the court for a bill of sale.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY.
W. B. DUTTERA,
D. H. HINKLE.

17. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

18. The attention of the Joint Consistory of the Upper Davidson charge is called to the impracticability of any change in the Constitution of the Reformed Church relative to delegates to Classis whereby deacons instead of elders might be elected.

19. Referred to the following special committee : Revs. J. M. L. Lysterly, H. A. M. Holshouser, J. D. Andrew and Elders H. C. Peeler and Crawford Peeler. The committee reported at a subsequent session as follows :

Your committee, considering the interest of the church through the establishment of an orphanage, beg leave to recommend that as soon as three thousand dollars are subscribed toward this work, the

President of Classis notify the members of that fact, and specify a time and place for a special meeting of Classis to consider this work and make such other arrangements as may appear to be proper.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
J. D. ANDREW,
W. D. C. PEELER,
H. C. PEELER.

This report was adopted.

20. The request of Rev. John Ingle to be excused for absence was granted.

21. The request was granted and Mr. H. S. T. Peeler was received under the care of Classis as a student for the ministry.

22. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

23. Referred to the Committee on Examination and Licensure.

24. Referred to the Committee on Examination and Licensure.

25. The matter of receiving the congregations in South Carolina was referred to Rev. J. C. Leonard with instructions to canvass the matter in conjunction with the Board of Missions.

26. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., and Elder A. W. Moose. At a subsequent session this committee made the following report, which was adopted :

Your committee to whom the appeal case from Grace Church, East Rowan charge, was referred beg leave to report as follows : That, after investigating the case, and consulting both parties, the following compromise was agreed to, viz. :

Mr John M. Kriminger acknowledges that he has said things that he ought not to have said, he is sorry for saying said things, he buries the past, and will refrain from all unkind and unchristian words and acts toward the Consistory of Grace Church. The Con-

sistory of Grace Church through its representatives agree to bury the past, to restore the said John M. Kriminger to membership in good and regular standing, and to announce publicly through its pastor to the congregation that the matter has been satisfactorily and honorably settled, and that the said John M. Kriminger has been restored to membership in good and regular standing in Grace church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP,
P. M. TREXLER,
A. W. MOOSE.

27. Licentiate David E. Bowers was appointed assistant missionary at High Point, and the following committee was appointed to ordain him: Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, J. D. Andrew and J. H. Keller.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD.

An election for delegates to the Synod of the Potomac was held Saturday morning. In the election of ministerial delegates Elders J. P. Rabb and W. A. Welker acted as tellers, and in the election of lay delegates Revs. J. L. Bowers and C. H. Riedesel were the tellers. The following ministers and elders were elected:

MINISTERS—*Primarii*: J. C. Leonard, B. D., W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., W. H. McNairy, J. M. L. Lysterly and J. H. Keller. *Secundi*: J. D. Andrew, J. L. Bowers, H. A. M. Holshouser, J. C. Clapp, D. D., G. A. Stauffer, P. Barringer and C. H. Riedesel.

ELDERS—*Primarii*: E. T. Hedrick, W. E. Deal, H. C. Peeler, J. C. Lippard, M. J. Rowe, D. H. Hinkle and T. W. S. Grimes. *Secundi*: J. P. Long, G. F. Hedrick, J. C. Warlick, W. A. Welker, A. W. Moose, L. P. Shepherd and

J. S. Whitener.

It was decided by the Classis that delegates attending the Synod this year should bear their own expenses.

ARTICLE XII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The committee on the Minutes of the Synod submitted their report on Friday afternoon. It is as follows :

Your committee on Minutes of Potomac Synod, having carefully inspected the same, find that the following items claim the notice and consideration of Classis :

1. Revs. J. N. Faust and W. H. McNairy attended the meeting of Synod.

2. Classes are urged to provide for a more hearty support of the work of the Board of Education.

3. The Synod urges all Classes to assume the full apportionment for Catawba College.

4. The establishment of church building funds is commended to Classes.

5. The Classes are requested to give all church members an opportunity to contribute toward the Memorial church, Washington, D. C.

6. The Classes are requested to raise in full the apportionment for Home Missions.

7. The Classes are requested to raise the apportionment on Foreign Missions and to inform the people of the success of our missions in foreign fields.

8. The Synod apportions the following amounts to this Classis : (a) Home Missions, \$600; (b) Foreign Missions, \$440; (c) Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$90; (d) Work among the Germans, \$30; (e) Harbor Missions, \$11; (f) Beneficiary Education, \$215; (g) Theological Seminary, \$55; (h) Catawba College, \$90; (i) Contingent Fund, \$45.

9. The Classes are requested to urge all Sunday Schools to give continued support to the work of the Sunday School Board.

10. The Classes are urged to promptness in the payment of their share of interest due on the endowment fund of Catawba College.

11. The attention of Classes is called to the urgent request of the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod to apportion six cents per communicant member for the Church Building Funds of the Board.

12. A resolution urging upon the several Classes of Synod the necessity of pushing forward the completion of the Science Building at Lancaster.

13. A resolution calling the attention of Classes and congregations to the necessity of organizing a movement for the further endowment of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster.

14. The Synod holds itself sacredly bound to fulfill its promise to Catawba College.

15. The following persons were nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College to be elected by this Classis, to-wit: Revs. Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. M. L. Lyerly, and Messrs. A. A. Shuford, S. T. Wilfong and G. McCorkle.

16. Synod commends the worthy character of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and the necessity of a more prominent place of this society in the benevolences of the church; and asks that an opportunity be given the people of Classes to contribute to this cause at least once a year.

17. Synod meets in Grace Reformed church, Washington, D. C., on Tuesday evening, Oct. 14, 1902, at 8 o'clock, P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. RIEDESEL,
G. A. STAUFFER,
W. A. WELKER.

The report was considered by items, and disposed of as follows :

1. The Treasurer was directed to pay \$14.50 to Rev. W. H. McNairy and \$12.50 to Rev. J. N. Faust, their expenses in part. The amounts were referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 were severally adopted.

8. (a) assumed; (b) referred to the Committee on Missions; (c) referred to the same committee; (d) not assumed; (e) referred to the Committee on Missions; (f) \$100 assumed; (g) \$25 assumed; (h) assumed; (i) assumed.

Items 9 and 10 were adopted.

11. Adopted and the attention of the pastors called to the action.

12, 13 and 14 were adopted.

15. The following persons were elected Trustees of Catawba College: Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, J. M. L. Lyerly, A. A. Shuford, S. T. Wilfong and G. McCorkle.

16 and 17 were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIII.

ELECTION OF A TREASURER.

The Committee on Nominations submitted its report Friday afternoon. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows: We recommend the re-election of Elder M. J. Rowe as Treasurer of Classis for the ensuing classical year.

G. A. STAUFFER,
J. H. KELLER.

The report was adopted, and M. J. Rowe was elected Treasurer.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

On Friday afternoon the Committee on Missions submitted its report, which was amended and finally adopted as a whole, is as follows:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to submit the following report concerning items referred to us:

1. The report of the Board of Foreign Missions. We recommend that the same be published in the Minutes of Classis, and that each pastor read it from the pulpit.

2. A letter from Rev. A. C. Whitmer, Superintendent of Mis-

sions. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed with whom Field Secretary Dittmar may correspond in carrying on his work ; we recommend further that each congregation make an offering towards the \$3,000 asked by the Board for the Bohemian church in Chicago ; we recommend also that the apportionment for Bohemian and Hungarian missions be not assumed.

3. We recommend that \$50 be appropriated to secure ministerial service at Blowing Rock.

4. We recommend that \$300 be given the Lenoir mission towards the erection of a church, and that the Treasurer of Classis be instructed to borrow the amount, the mission to pay the interest.

5. We recommend that Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser be instructed to organize a congregation at Waughtown at his discretion, and to take it under his pastoral care if so organized ; and that we regret our inability to grant \$500 at this time towards the building of a church.

6. We recommend that instead of an apportionment for Foreign Missions the pastors be directed to receive a voluntary offering in each congregation, and that we assume \$11 for Harbor Missions.

7. We recommend that \$100 be apportioned to reduce the amount appropriated to the Lexington and High Point churches.

8. We recommend that \$50 be given to the Lenoir mission to secure ministerial service.

9. We recommend that the Lenoir and Blowing Rock missions be committed to the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KELLER,

J. D. ANDREW,

T. W. S. GRIMES.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions referred to in item 1 of this report is as follows :

TO THE PASTORS AND ELDERS, DEAR BRETHREN :

Since the last annual meeting of your reverend body, great changes have come to pass in our foreign mission work, which we desire to bring to your attention in this brief report.

The members of the Board are devoutly grateful to the God of Missions for His blessing upon the labors of the missionaries, and for the growing spirit of liberality in the hearts of our people. We

hail with joy a new awakening on the part of the clergy and laity in the spread of the Gospel among the people who are ignorant of its saving power. Let us not cease to pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit in this, the life-work of Christians and the primary work of the Church of Jesus Christ.

JAPAN MISSION.

During the year 1901, a tidal wave of evangelism has swept over the empire of Japan, and as a result the churches report several thousand accessions to the Christian faith. Besides, there is a wonderful improvement in the attitude of the nation to the Gospel. The Government is becoming more tolerant of the Christian schools, and we trust, in the near future, the last vestige of hostility will forever disappear.

In the Tohoku Gakuin, there are 20 teachers : 5 foreigners, and 15 natives, with 142 students, of which 59 are Christians. Already 25 faithful evangelists are the fruits of this school of the prophets. We have 2142 Christians and 1420 Sunday School scholars. Rev. D. B. Schneder, D. D., President, has prepared a very excellent pamphlet, which is being published by the Board for distribution, and in which he portrays the condition and needs of the institution. This booklet should be read by all the pastors and laymen. It will help to create a deeper interest in this important work of the mission.

A very helpful institution in connection with the Tohoku Gakuin is the Industrial Home. This home furnishes the opportunities for poor young men to earn their way through school. It teaches the great lesson of self-help. The average number of students is about 70. During the year 11 have united with the Church.

In addition to his superintendency of the home, the Rev. S. S. Snyder has been in the service of the Bible Society. He is most successful in this noble work, having sold the past year 70,000 copies of the Gospels, and about 1,000 Bibles and Testaments. In this way the seed of truth is being sown, which will bear fruit in due season.

The total destruction by fire of the Miyagi Go Gakko, or the Girls' School, on March 8th, is known to the Church. This will be a serious loss to our educational work at Sendai. Painful as this afflictive providence may be to us, yet we believe that even out of it good will come to the cause. This is a new challenge to the Church to heed the appeals of the missionaries for better facilities for the instruction of the students. God has spoken to us very loudly through

the tongues of fire, and it behooves us to act promptly. The dormitory should be ready for use by the opening of the school in September. It will be unwise for the teachers and students to spend the winter months in the temporary quarters. By compelling them to do so, we may have to pay dearly for it by the sacrifice of health and lives.

Whatever plans the Board may adopt, the new buildings will cost no less than \$16,000. There is an insurance of \$5,000 on the old building and its contents. If the Classes this Spring assume one-third of the full amount of Synod's apportionment for Foreign missions, this would insure the speedy erection of the new buildings. The Girls' School has an enrollment of 70 students, of whom 54 are Christians. The 21 Bible Women are graduates of the school. Many of the students take an active part in the Sunday Schools.

The teaching force in the Girls' School was strengthened by the addition of Miss Catharine B. Pifer, of Punxsutawney, Pa. By action of the Board, all the missionaries now on furlough will return in the fall to their work: Rev. J. P. Moore, D. D., to Tokio; Prof. Paul L. Gerhard and Miss Lena Zurfluh to Sendai.

We deeply deplore the untimely death of Mrs. Allen K. Faust, the wife of one of our last missionaries to enter the field, who, after less than a year's devoted service, was the first one in the mission to pass away by death. May the Lord sustain the dear brother in the time of his sore bereavement. Recently the mission published a neat booklet as a tribute to her sacred memory, and by special action suggests that the Recitation Hall for the Girls' School shall be known as the Christine Elizabeth Faust Memorial.

CHINA MISSION.

Our China mission has secured a firm foothold in Yochow through the recent purchase, by Rev. W. E. Hoy, of a splendid property owned by the London Missionary Society, at a cost of about \$3,000. By a special effort this winter this amount is now in the treasury of the Board, but we will need \$2,000 more. This will pay for the lot, build a good wall, erect a foreign house, and re-arrange the old Chinese buildings for better use in church, hospital and school work. Let us raise this additional amount, and thus put the property in good shape, and let us do it soon. Then our missionaries can devote themselves more than ever before to the work of gathering in souls. In place of Rev. Fred Cromer, who had to return to this country, on account of his eyesight, the Board has

elected the Rev. W. A. Reimert, of Summit Hill, who expects to depart for China in the fall. At last, the Board has found a medical missionary in Dr. J. Albert Beam, of Chicago, whose helpmeet is also a physician of fine attainments. He will sail in the fall. The need of two lady teachers is most urgent for the China mission.

Several changes have taken place in the Board during the year. We mourn the loss of Elder Jacob Y. Dietz, of Philadelphia, who was known for his pure life and noble deeds. Dr. J. Z. Gerhard, of Harrisburg, was chosen to fill the vacancy. After eleven years of faithful service, the Rev. S. N. Callender, D. D., tendered his resignation as secretary on January 3rd. He did so on account of the infirmities of age. In accepting it, the Board adopted a suitable minute expressive of his valuable services and elected him Secretary Emeritus. At the same time Rev. A. R. Bartholomew was elected as acting secretary, to which he agreed on two conditions: that the appointment be only temporary, and without any salary. Against his most earnest protest, at the annual meeting in March he was elected as the permanent secretary. He is holding the latter action under advisement.

Rev. A. V. Casselman, of Columbiana, Ohio, was elected as Field Secretary, and he has signified his willingness to accept the position.

The Board cherishes the fond hope that the Easter offerings will cancel its heavy debt, and it sincerely prays that all the Classes will assume the entire apportionment for Foreign missions, and as the Christian's extra, promise the full amount needed for the rebuilding of the Girls' School.

Dear Brethren, may the Lord constrain us to do great things for His kingdom in the coming year. With the heart's best wishes, I am

Cordially, Yours,

A. R. BARTHOLOMEW,

Allentown, Pa., April 21, 1902.

Secretary, pro tem.

ARTICLE XV.

RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

At the session Saturday morning the committee on Religion and Statistics submitted the following report, which was adopted:

DEAR BRETHREN: The parochial and statistical reports of all the charges have come into our hands. From these we learn that

Almighty God has most signally blessed our efforts in the North Carolina Classis during the year just closed.

The Gospel has been preached, the sacraments administered, and the duties of the pastors in general have been well attended to. Two new houses of worship were dedicated during the year.

A few of the reports are sad in tone because of the peculiar conditions existing in the country charges, viz.: The loss of the young people by removal to town.

The reports generally, however, are of a very cheerful nature. The membership has increased and the spirit of giving is growing rapidly in our Classis. The increase in benevolent contributions is \$61, while the increase in congregational gifts is \$1902.

Your committee notes with regret that nearly one-fourth of the members of the church did not commune during the year. This condition in our church ought to be changed.

We note with pleasure the continued missionary zeal in our Classis.

New places are loudly calling for churches and pastoral oversight.

Notwithstanding the fact that the commercial spirit has seized many of our people, yet from these reports we believe the true spiritual life of our church is deepening year by year.

We express our sincere gratitude to the great God for His fatherly care in preserving us. Only a few deaths are reported.

To the Great Head of the church we commend all our labors and pray His continued blessing upon us in our efforts to evangelize the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,
G. A. STAUFFER,
J. P. LONG.

The statistics will be found in the Appendix.

ARTICLE XVI.

TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

On Friday afternoon Classis proceeded to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting. Corinth Reformed Church, Hickory, North Carolina, was selected as the place, and Wednesday, April 29th, A. D., 1903, at 8 o'clock P. M., as the time.

ARTICLE XVII.

EDUCATION.

The Trustees of Catawba College made the following report, which, after being read, was referred to the Committee on Education:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA :

One hundred and seventy-eight students have been enrolled during the present scholastic year. Ninety-five of these were boarders. There are twenty-five music pupils. Eleven teachers have been employed, and the faculty is made up as follows : Charles H. Mebane, President ; Rev. John A. Foil, Ph. D., Vice-President, and teacher of Mathematics and Science ; Oliver Schaffer, Greek, German and History ; W. C. Hammond, English, and Mathematics ; J. B. Leonard, Latin and English ; Mary Kelley, Business Department ; Bertha Herman, Principal of Primary Department ; Anna Sharp, Vocal and Instrumental Music ; Pauline Page, Art Department ; Sue Lantz Foil, French ; W. S. Clapp, Penmanship ; Belle Cecil, Matron. These have done efficient work in the different departments.

On the 10th of April, 1902, Rev. John A. Foil, Vice President of the College, accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of the Union Cotton mills, of Maiden, N. C., and since that time his work in the school has been done by the other members of the faculty.

The college has an Endowment Fund of \$11,100.00. This fund is divided as follows : \$7,100 belonging to the General Endowment Fund, and the remaining \$4,000 belongs to the Alumni Association Endowment Fund. Nothing has been added to this fund during the past year.

It might be well for the Classis to know that the Potomac Synod has not paid the interest on the \$17,000 as promised. Exact figures have not been given me but there is due from that source at least \$2,500. This failure on Synod's part has embarrassed the trustees financially. An addition of 40x20 feet has been made to the dining hall giving ample room to accommodate the increasing number of boarders.

Potomac Synod at the last annual meeting nominated the following persons as trustees of the school for a term of three years : Revs. Paul Barringer, J. M. L. Lyerly, J. L. Murphy and Messrs.

A. A. Shuford, S. T. Wilfong and George McCorkle. It is the duty of this Classis to elect these persons.

The needs of the college are many and urgent.

There is need of more room to accommodate the increasing number of boarding pupils. Classis should take action instructing the delegates to the next annual meeting of the Potomac Synod to secure from that body if possible the payment of the deficiency on the interest accruing from the \$17,000.

There is need of a more hearty support on the part of our several congregations to the work of Catawba College. In Catawba College our church has a noble heritage bequeathed to us by the Fathers. Let us be true to the trust.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY, Chairman.

The Committee on Education presented its report on Friday afternoon. This report, which is as follows, was adopted :

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following report :

We rejoice to see the evidences of numerical growth in Catawba College, there having been enrolled 178 students in all departments, 95 of these being boarders.

We regret to note the resignation of Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., from the faculty. We also regret the failure of Potomac Synod to meet its promises.

We recommend the following :

WHEREAS, The enrollment of students has more than taxed the accommodations of the college, and

WHEREAS, The rising tide of education seems to indicate that an ever increasing number of young men and women will be seeking an education, and Catawba College ought to maintain its past prestige and stand prominent in this advance movement, and in order that it may fulfill its duty,

RESOLVED, That Catawba College be again commended to the charges of Classis, and the pastors be urged to present its claims and urge upon our young men and women to attend Catawba College.

RESOLVED, That five cents per member be apportioned on Classis toward the Building Fund of the college.

RESOLVED, That in view of the great deficit of nearly \$3,000 on

account of the promised endowment fund of Potomac Synod, and in view of the immense need of the College, we respectfully urge Synod to devise some way by which this deficit can be paid, and the regular amount paid in the future.

RESOLVED, That we regret that Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., has deemed it expedient to sever his relation with the College. We therefore recognize his nearly 30 years of faithful devotion to its interests.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE,
J. L. MURPHY,
J. S. WHITENER.

ARTICLE XVIII.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

The Committee on Examination and Licensure presented its report on Saturday morning. This report, which is as follows, was adopted:

Your Committee on Examination and Licensure, beg leave to report as follows:

Walter W. Rowe, Samuel W. Beck and David E. Bowers, graduates of the Ursinus School of Theology, of Philadelphia, appeared before your committee and were examined. The examination was satisfactory, and we recommend their licensure.

J. L. MURPHY,
J. D. ANDREW,
D. H. HINKLE.

These young men presented themselves, and having subscribed to the constitutional formula, were licensed to preach the Gospel.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

Saturday afternoon the Committee on Finance presented its report, which as adopted follows :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to offer the following report: Having received the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with same, we find it correct and recommend its adoption.

We recommend the following apportionments:

CHARGES.	Contingent Fund	Church Building	Beneficiary Education	Theological Seminary	Home Missions	Catawba College
Guilford	\$11 00	\$19 15	\$ 5 00	\$1 00	\$60 00	\$ 6 25
Burlington	10 25	10 80	3 75	1 00	32 50	4 00
Hickory	24 75	35 00	12 00	2 50	66 50	10 25
Central Rowan.....	12 25	14 50	5 50	1 50	26 50	4 55
West Rowan.....	17 75	25 00	8 00	1 50	53 50	7 50
East Rowan.....	25 00	30 50	10 50	2 25	68 00	9 00
Lincoln	25 00	30 50	11 00	3 00	70 00	8 75
Thomasville	10 00	12 00	4 00	1 00	27 00	4 00
Upper Davidson.....	23 75	32 00	10 50	2 50	68 00	8 50
Lower Davidson.....	6 00	14 05	4 65	75	52 50	6 20
Catawba	5 75	10 50	3 50	75	26 00	3 25
Newton	16 00	21 00	7 35	2 00	48 00	6 00
New Gilead.....	14 75	22 50	7 50	1 00	50 00	6 50
Concord	5 00	7 50	2 50	75	18 50	2 00
Salisbury.....	2 75	3 00	1 00	1 00	12 00	75
Lenoir.....	1 50	1 50	50	1 00	6 00	25
Mt. Bethel.....	1 25	1 50	50	50	5 00	50
Lexington	6 50	7 00	1 75	75	15 00	1 25
High Point.....	2 00	2 00	50	25	6 00	50
Total.....	\$221 25	\$300 00	\$100 00	\$25 00	\$711 00	\$90 00

Report of Treasurer.

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA :

I beg leave to make my annual report for the year 1901-1902 as follows :

CHARGES.	RECEIVED ON APPORTIONMENTS :						
	Contingent Fund	Church Building	Beneficiary Education	Theological Seminary	Home Missions	Catawba College	Washington Memorial Church
Balance in Treasury.....	\$100 00	\$100 00	\$25 00	\$506 63	\$55	\$ 3 25	
Guilford.....	\$15 00	20 00	5 00	1 00	60 00	8 00	\$ 3 25
Burlington.....	11 66	10 80	3 75	1 00	25 00	3 25	3 25
Hickory.....	26 43	35 00	12 00	2 50	62 00	10 25	10 00
Central Rowan.....	14 33	14 70	5 50	1 50	22 00	4 55	4 55
West Rowan.....	19 33	25 00	8 00	1 50	50 00	7 50	8 35
East Rowan.....	29 33	31 00	10 50	2 25	67 00	9 00	8 00
Lincoln.....	27 90	31 00	11 00	3 00	69 00	8 75	11 00
Thomasville.....	12 16	12 00	4 00	1 00	19 06	3 00	7 55
Upper Davidson.....	27 66	32 00	10 50	2 50	66 00	8 50	7 25
Lower Davidson.....	10 58	15 00	5 00	85	23 28	6 95	
Catawba.....	6 60	10 50	3 50	75	20 90	3 25	
Newton.....	17 66	21 00	7 35	2 00	42 00	6 00	7 35
New Gilead.....	16 66	22 50	7 50	1 00	46 34	6 50	8 16
Concord.....	6 66	7 50	2 50	1 75	16 59	2 00	7 00
Salisbury.....	3 35	3 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	50	2 50
Lenoir.....	1 66	1 50	50	1 00	4 00	25	
Mt Bethel.....	1 66	1 50	50	50	3 50	50	
Lexington.....	4 00	5 25	1 60	75	10 00	1 00	1 60
High Point.....	50	75	30	15	1 00	20	30
W. C. M. S.....	12 00						
W. M. S. E. Rowan.....							2 00
Dr. P. J. Klutz.....							5 00
The Classis.....							2 89
Total	\$265 17	\$400 00	\$100 00	\$50 00	\$1120 30	\$90 50	\$100 00

RECEIVED FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS :

Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 39 52
Lexington mission.....	8 00
Thomasville charge, Hiedelberg church.....	6 00
Concord charge.....	6 89
Newton charge.....	27 48
Lincoln charge, Maiden church.....	10 47
Catawba charge.....	40 00
Burlington charge.....	9 80
Mission Band, Newton.....	36
Salisbury mission.....	5 25
New Gilead charge.....	10 11
Hickory charge.....	28 54
L. A. S. Hickory charge, Mrs. Faust Memorial.....	5 00
“ “ “ Girls' School.....	5 00
Bethel S. S. East Rowan charge, for H. K. Miller.....	5 00
“ “ “ “ “ support Bible Woman.....	50 00
“ “ “ “ “ General Foreign missions..	33 76
Upper Davidson charge, Pilgrim church.....	10 00
“ “ “ “ “ Hebron church.....	2 91
Individuals for Sendai church, Japan.....	5 00
Guilford charge.....	8 53
Central Rowan charge, St. Luke's church.....	3 20
“ “ “ “ Bethany “	3 22
“ “ “ “ Shiloh “	5 00
“ “ “ “ Mt. Hope “	1 20
East Rowan charge, Grace church.....	25 00
Total	\$355 24

CHILDREN'S DAY FUND :

Grace Sunday School, Newton.....	\$ 10 85
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SALISBURY CHURCH DEBT AND CHURCH BUILDING.

Salisbury mission on church debt.....	\$300 00
Sale of Stoner's church, per J. D. Andrew.....	25 00
On apportionments and balance in treasury.....	400 00
	\$725 00

HOME MISSIONS.

Salisbury mission, special.....	\$ 6 00
East Rowan charge, Bethel church, special.....	5 96
Burlington charge, special.....	5 03
Apportionments and balance in treasury.....	1120 30
	\$1137 29

ARREARAGES ON HOME MISSIONS.

Thomasville charge.....	\$ 1 94
Lower Davidson charge.....	26 72

PRIVATE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO SALISBURY CHURCH.

Balance in treasury.....	\$75 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Maiden church.....	5 00
Rev. Paul Barringer.....	5 00
Mrs. M. A. Crowell.....	5 00
M. J. Rowe.....	5 00
Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.....	5 00
	\$100 00

ORPHANS' HOME.

Concord church.....	\$4 26
Lexington mission.....	1 56
Lincoln charge, Maiden church.....	2 73
" " Matthew's church.....	3 11
Faith church, Salisbury.....	3 00
High Point mission.....	50
	\$15 16

RECAPITULATION OF FUNDS.

Contingent Fund.....	\$ 265 17
Salisbury Church Debt and Church Building.....	725 00
Home Missions.....	1137 29
Private Subscriptions for Salisbury Church.....	100 00
Foreign Missions.....	355 24
Children's Day Fund.....	10 85
Orphans' Home Fund.....	15 16
Beneficiary Education Fund.....	100 00
Theological Seminary Fund.....	50 00
Catawba College Fund.....	90 50
Washington Memorial Church Fund.....	100 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Out of Contingent Fund:

Balance due Treasurer last year.....	\$ 9 86
Printing the Minutes of Classis.....	44 00
Interest on notes at Shuford's Bank.....	48 00
Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.....	35 00
Contingent Fund of General Synod.....	25 00
Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, expenses to Synod.....	10 20
Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, " " " ".....	10 80
Stated Clerk's salary and expenses.....	37 25
Treasurer's salary and expenses.....	14 91
Total.....	\$235 02
Balance in Treasury.....	30 15

Paid Out of Beneficiary Education Fund:

W. S. Clapp, beneficiary student at Catawba College.....	\$50 00
D. E. Bowers, beneficiary student at Philadelphia.....	43 00
Total.....	\$93 00
Balance in Treasury.....	7 00

Paid Out of Theological Seminary Fund:

John B. Roth, Treasurer.....	\$25 00
Balance in treasury.....	25 00

Paid Out of Catawba College Fund:

Dr. J. A. Foil, balance 1901.....	\$ 50
George N. Forney, treasurer Potomac Synod.....	90 00
Total.....	\$90 50

Paid Out of Washington Church Funds:

C. S. Slagle, treasurer.....	\$84 31
Balance in treasury.....	15 69

Paid Out of Foreign Mission Fund:

Dr. Joseph L. Lemberger, treasurer.....	\$287 91
Balance in treasury.....	67 31

Paid Out of Children's Day Fund.

Dr. J. H. Bomberger, treasurer.....	\$10 85
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Paid Out of Salisbury Church Debt and Building Fund :

John J. Nissley, treasurer Board of Missions.....	\$350 00
Rev. H. A. M. Holsouser for Hebron church.....	100 00
Rev. J. D. Andrew for Burlington church.....	100 00
Total.....	\$550 00
Balance in treasury.....	175 00

Paid Out of Home Mission Fund :

Rev. J. L. Murphy, supply Mt. Bethel mission.....	\$ 25 00
Rev. J. L. Murphy, supply Lenoir mission.....	50 00
John J. Nissley, treasurer Board of Missions.....	906 63
Total	\$986 66
Balance in treasury.....	150 63

Paid Out of Private Subscription Fund (Salisbury Mission):

John J. Nissley.....	\$75 00
Balance in treasury.....	25 00

STATEMENT OF OUTSTANDING INDEBTEDNESS :

Due Shuford's Bank.....	\$800 00
Due Mrs. G. T. Crowell.....	45 00
Due Miss Flora Shepherd.....	125 00
Total	\$970 00

Respectfully submitted,
M J. ROWE, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
H. E. SECHLER,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
M. J. ROWE.

ARTICLE XX.

PRESS REPORTS.

Saturday morning the Committee on Press Reports made the following report which was adopted :

Your committee appointed to report for the press report that the Charlotte Daily Observer, Greensboro Patriot, Newton Enterprise and Hickory papers have been furnished with reports of the proceedings of Classis.

J. L. MURPHY,
J. D. ANDREW,
G. F. HEDRICK.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

At the election for officers of the Classis for the ensuing year held Thursday morning the nominees were Revs. W. H. McNairy and J. H. Keller. Revs. H. E. Sechler and W. H. Stubblebine were the tellers.

A suggestion in the parochial report of Rev. J. L. Murphy concerning a division of the Hickory charge was referred to the following special committee: Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, H. A. M. Holshouser and Elder E. T. Hedrick. On Saturday morning this committee made the following report, which was adopted :

Your committee on the Reconstruction of the Hickory Charge beg leave to report that they were unable to effect any satisfactory arrangement and suggest that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter further after the adjournment of Classis, and that this committee report at a special meeting of Classis.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE,
E. T. HEDRICK.

The President appointed on this committee Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, H. A. M. Holshouser and Elder Levi Bulinger.

At the Thursday afternoon session Rev. H. A. M. Hols-
houser, pastor of the Upper Davidson charge, read a paper
of thanks from the Hebron congregation for the help given
in building their new church.

A vote of thanks was tendered the persons donating
\$25.00 from the sale of the Stoner's church property.

The interests of the Lenoir mission together with the
parochial report of Rev. J. L. Murphy were referred to
the Committee on Missions for consideration. The matter
of reducing the indebtedness of the Classis on account of
the donations to the Lexington and High Point churches
was referred to the same committee.

The following sums were from time to time referred
to the Committee on Finance for apportionment: Stated
Clerk's salary and expenses, \$30.41; Treasurer's salary
and expenses, \$11.75; Beneficiary Education, \$100.00;
safe deposit box rent for the archives of Classis, \$4.00;
interest on notes, \$48.00; printing the Minutes of Classis,
\$45.00; Church Building Fund for Salisbury and Burling-
ton, \$200.00.

Rev. J. A. Murphy, D. D., of the Presbyterian church,
and the Revs. Wessinger and Price, of the Lutheran
church, were invited to seats.

At the Friday morning session, at his own request,
Rev. P. M. Trexler D. D., was granted permission to en-
gage in work other than that connected with the sanctuary.

Saturday morning the following persons were appoint-

ed a committee on Leave of Absence: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. H. Keller and Elder J. S. Whitener. At the last session this committee made the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee beg leave to report that the following persons were excused: Elders H. C. Peeler, A. W. Moose, T. W. S. Grimes, E. T. Hedrick, G. F. Hedrick, D. H. Hinkle, Crawford Peeler, J. P. Rabb, W. E. Deal and Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. L. Murphy, H. A. M. Holshouser, H. E. Sechler and J. L. Bowers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KELLER.

J. S. WHITENER.

At the session Saturday morning the following Standing Committee on Examination and Licensure was appointed: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. D. Andrew and Elder M. J. Rowe.

A paper signed by Revs. J. H. Keller and J. M. L. Lyerly requested the appointment of a committee on the reconstruction of the charges between the Yadkin and Catawba Rivers. The request was granted and the following committee was appointed: Revs. W. B. Duttera, J. L. Bowers and Elder W. E. Deal.

The following resolution was adopted at the session Saturday morning:

RESOLVED, That the attention of our people be called to the blessings of popular education, and that the pastors be requested to present this important cause in sermons and addresses.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted:

WHEREAS, The members of Daniel's Reformed Church have so

graciously and hospitably entertained us during our sojourn in their midst,

RESOLVED, That we shall carry home with us pleasant recollections of our visit to this church, and we trust that a blessing will fall upon these good people and that the meetings here will act as an impetus to them in their future church life and work.

RESOLVED, That we express our sincere and heartfelt appreciation of their kind entertainment.

RESOLVED, That this action be read from the pulpit tomorrow by the President of Classis.

At the Friday afternoon session the following action was taken with reference to the agent having in charge the collecting of funds for the proposed Orphans' Home :

RESOLVED, That Rev. J. M. L. Lysterly be authorized to secure a supply for his pulpits while he may be absent canvassing for the Orphans' Home cause, and that the expenses be met out of funds secured in the canvass.

The following action was taken with reference to a mission in Greensboro :

WHEREAS, The Reformed people residing in Greensboro are earnest and persistent in their overtures for a Reformed Church in that city.

RESOLVED, That the interests of our church in Greensboro be referred to Revs. J. C. Leonard and J. D. Andrew with instructions to minister to the people as time may permit and to canvass the whole matter with a view of organizing a congregation.

The Thomasville charge was committed to the care of Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and Licentiate D. E. Bowers.

The Lower Davidson charge was committed to the care of Rev. Paul Barringer.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Classis having finished the transaction of all business, the roll was called and all persons not previously excused answered to their names. The minutes of the day's session were read and approved. The services provided by the Committee on Religious Services were observed, and the President declared the Classis adjourned.

W. H. MCNAIRY, PRESIDENT.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

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J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Adjourned Meeting.

The Classis of North Carolina met in adjourned session in Grace Reformed church, Newton, N. C., May 20th, 1901, at 2 o'clock, P. M., the following members being present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. L. Murphy, J. H. Shuford and Clarence Clapp, and Elder M. J. Rowe. There being no quorum present, the Classis adjourned until May 21st, at 10 o'clock, a. m. There being no quorum present, adjournment was taken again until May 22nd at 11 o'clock, A. M. On this latter date and hour, the Classis was called to order by the Stated Clerk, and Rev. J. L. Murphy was appointed President pro. tem. The following ministers and elders were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. L. Murphy and J. C. Leonard; Elders M. J. Rowe and N. I. Rowe. Elder L. M. Peeler was invited to a seat as an advisory member.

Rev. J. A. Foil and Elder N. I. Rowe were appointed to serve on the Committee of Examination and Licensure in place of two members who were absent.

The application of student Joshua L. Bowers was referred to this committee.

A certificatedismissing Licentiate John H. Keller from the West Susquehanna Classis, Eastern Synod, was laid before Classis, and he was received and his name placed on the roll of ministers.

A call to Licentiate John H. Keller from the New Gil-ead charge was presented. The call being found in order was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to ordain Licentiate Keller and install him pastor of the

New Gilead charge : Revs. P. Barringer, W. H. McNairy and C. H. Riedesel.

A recess was now taken until 3:30 o'clock p. m.

The Classis reassembled at the appointed hour, when the Committee on Examination and Licensure made the following report :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA :

Your Committee on Examination and Licensure have examined Joshua L. Bowers, an applicant to preach the Gospel, on all the subjects in the theological course laid down in the Constitution. His examination is satisfactory, and we recommend that he be licensed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP,

J. A. FOIL,

N. I. ROWE.

The report was adopted, and Mr. Bowers having subscribed to the constitutional formula was licensed to preach the Gospel.

There being no further business, the minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned in the prescribed form.

J. L. MURPHY, PRESIDENT pro tem.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in the First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C., June 18th, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M., in obedience to the following call of the President :

Burlington, N. C., May 29th, 1901.

Dear Brother : There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in the First Reformed Church,

Lexington, N. C., June 18th, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M.

1. To consider a call from the West Rowan charge to Licentiate J. L. Bowers.

2. To provide for the ordination of Licentiate J. L. Bowers and for his installation as pastor of said charge if his call be in order.

J. D. ANDREW, President.

The Stated Clerk called the Classis to order, and Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser was appointed President pro tem. The following members were present: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, J. N. Faust, H. E. Sechler J. C. Leonard and Licentiate J. L. Bowers; Elders P. I. Nifong, E. A. Rothrock and J. W. Hedrick. The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1. The call being found in order was confirmed. 2. The following committee was appointed to ordain Licentiate J. L. Bowers and install him pastor of the West Rowan charge: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, J. M. L. Lyerly and P. Barringer.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER, PRESIDENT pro tem.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, N. C., June 26, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M., in obedience to the following call:

BURLINGTON, N. C., June 11, 1901.

Dear Brother: The North Carolina Classis will meet in special session in Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, N. C., June 26th, 1901, at 10 o'clock A. M.

1. To receive Licentiate W. B. Duttera from Tiffin Classis.

2. To consider a call from Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury,

to Licentiate W. B. Duttera, and to provide for his ordination and installation if the call be in order.

J. D. ANDREW, President.

In the absence of the President, Rev. C. H. Riedesel was elected President pro tem., and Rev. W. H. McNairy was appointed Stated Clerk pro tem. The devotional services were conducted by the President. The following members were found present: Revs J. M. L. Lyerly, C. H. Riedesel and W. H. McNairy; Elders C. T. Fisher and M. T. Roseman. The items of business were disposed of as follows:

1. A certificate dismissing Licentiate W. B. Duttera from Tiffin Classis, Synod of Ohio, was read, and he was received and his name placed on the roll of ministers.

2. The call from Faith Reformed Church to W. B. Duttera was found in order and confirmed. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, W. H. McNairy and C. H. Riedesel were appointed to ordain and install him.

The Classis adjourned with the benediction.

C. H. RIEDESEL, PRESIDENT pro tem.

W. H. MCNAIRY, Stated Clerk pro tem.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in Grace Church, Newton, N. C., July 15th, 1901, at 1 o'clock p. m., in obedience to the call of the President. The meeting was called to order, and Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., was elected President pro tem., and Rev. J. L. Murphy Stated Clerk pro tem. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. T. C. Hesson. The roll was called and the following members were found present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., T. C. Hesson and J. L. Murphy; Elders M. J. Rowe and P. G. Herman.

The call of the President was then read, which is as follows:

BURLINGTON, N. C., July 3rd, 1901.

Dear Brother: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina July 15th, 1901, at 1 o'clock P. M., in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C.

1. To confirm a call, if in order, from Catawba charge to Rev. H. E. Sechler, and to provide for his installation.
 2. To provide supply for Lower Davidson charge.
 3. To grant permission to Rev. J. L. Murphy and the Corinth congregation at Hickory, N. C., to organize a congregation at Brookford, Catawba county, if in their judgment it is wise to do so.
- J. D. ANDREW, President.

The following action was taken:

1. The call to Rev. H. E. Sechler was confirmed, and Revs. J. A. Foil, J. L. Murphy and T. C. Hesson were appointed a committee to install him pastor of the Catawba charge.

2. The interests of the Lower Davidson charge were committed to Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, J. C. Leonard and J. N. Faust, with instructions to assist the charge in securing a pastor as early as possible.

3. The request was granted.

The Classis then adjourned with the doxology and the benediction by the President.

J. C. CLAPP, PRESIDENT pro tem.

J. L. MURPHY, Stated Clerk pro tem.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, N. C., Aug. 27th, 1901, at 2 o'clock P. M., in obedience to the following call:

BURLINGTON, N. C., Aug. 9th, 1901.

Dear Brother: There will be a special meeting of the Classis

of North Carolina in Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, N. C., Aug. 27th, 1901, at 2 o'clock, P. M.

1. To consider an appeal from the Consistory of Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, N. C.

2. To take whatever action Classis may deem best for the advancement of the Reformed Church in Concord.

J. D. ANDREW, President.

In the absence of the President, the Stated Clerk called the Classis to order and nominated Rev. W. B. Duttera President pro tem. The following members were present: Revs. P. Barringer, J. C. Leonard, W. H. McNairy, J. L. Bowers, W. B. Duttera and J. H. Keller; Elders R. Cline, J. C. Lippard, C. T. Fisher and W. P. Goodnight. Elders D. W. Moore and J. C. Hileman were invited to seats as advisory members.

The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1. The papers were referred to the following committee: Revs. Paul Barringer, J. L. Bowers and Elder R. Cline. The committee made the following report:

Your committee to whom were referred the papers in the hands of Classis relative to a complaint by certain members of Trinity Reformed Church of Concord beg leave to report that we find the complaint in order.

PAUL BARRINGER,
J. L. BOWERS,
RUFUS CLINE.

The report was adopted. The appeal was now read. Elders J. C. Lippard and D. W. Moore who were appointed to represent the Consistory spoke for the Consistory. The matter was disposed of in the following action:

WHEREAS, The question at issue (whether a certain vote should or should not have been counted in a congregational meeting), is one that the Classis thinks should be determined by the congregation itself.

RESOLVED, That the matter be referred back to the congregation with instructions to take new action in the premises.

2. The item was disposed of in the following action: RESOLVED, That Rev. W. H. McNairy be authorized to canvass the town of Concord with a view of organizing a new congregation within its bounds, and that he be permitted to receive the aid and support of such members of the Reformed Church as may agree to co-operate with him in said work.

The business for which the meeting had been called having been finished, the minutes were read and approved. The session closed with prayer and the benediction by the Stated Clerk.

W. B. DUTTERA, PRESIDENT pro tem.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

In accordance with a call for a meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Grace Reformed church, Newton, N. C., Nov. 14th, 1901, the following persons were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, J. A. Foil, T. C. Hesson and H. E. Sechler; Elders N. I. Rowe, M. J. Rowe and Q. A. Wilfong. There being a quorum, Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., was chosen President pro tem., and Rev. H. E. Sechler Stated Clerk pro tem. Devotional services were conducted by the President.

The call is as follows:

BURLINGTON, N. C., Oct. 28th, 1901.

Dear Brother: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., at 2 o'clock, P. M., Nov. 12th, 1901, to dismiss Rev. B. F. Davis to the Chester Presbytery of the Synod of Pennsylvania, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

J. D. ANDREW, President.

Also the following:

BURLINGTON, N. C., Oct. 30th, 1901.

Dear Brother: The date of the special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina called to be held in Grace Reformed Church,

Newton, N. C., Nov. 12th, 1901, is changed to Nov. 14th, 1901, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and item 2 is incorporated in the call as follows: To receive Mr. W. W. Rowe as a student for the ministry under the care of the Classis.

J. D. ANDREW, President.

The items were disposed of as follows:

1. Rev. B. F. Davis was dismissed to the Chester Presbytery of the Synod of Pennsylvania of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and the Stated Clerk was directed to furnish him with the proper certificate of dismissal.

2. Student W. W. Rowe was received under the care of Classis.

The Classis adjourned with the benediction.

J. C. CLAPP, PRESIDENT pro tem.

H. E. SECHLER, Stated Clerk pro tem.

SPECIAL MEETING.

A number of the members of the Classis of North Carolina met in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Feb. 8th, 1902, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in obedience to the following call of the President:

BURLINGTON, N. C., Jan. 25, 1902.

A special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina will be held in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Feb. 8th, 1902, at 10 o'clock, A. M., to receive Rev. W. H. Stubblebine from the Miama Classis, Ohio Synod, and provide for his installation as pastor of the Newton charge if the call extended him be found in order.

J. D. ANDREW, President.

No quorum being found present they adjourned to meet Feb. 28th at 3:30 o'clock, P. M., when the following members were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., H. E. Sechler and J. A. Foil, and Elders P. G. Herman and M. J. Rowe. Rev. J. C. Clapp was elected President pro tem.

and Rev. J. A. Foil Stated Clerk pro tem. The meeting was opened with the usual religious services.

A certificate dismissing Rev. W. H. Stubblebine from the Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio, was placed in the hands of Classis. He was received and his name placed on the roll of ministers. The call to Rev. W. H. Stubblebine from the Newton charge being found in order was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to install him pastor: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. A. Foil and H. E. Sechler.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction.

J. C. CLAPP, PRESIDENT pro tem.

J. A. FOIL, Stated Clerk pro tem.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Pursuant to a call the Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., May 2, 1902, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The call is as follows:

BURLINGTON, N. C., April 18th, 1902.

Dear Brother: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina held in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., May 2nd, 1902, at 2 o'clock, P. M.:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. J. N. Faust and the Thomasville charge.
2. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. T. C. Hesson and the Lincoln charge.
3. To dismiss Rev. T. C. Hesson to the Gettysburg Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

J. D. ANDREW, President.

The following members were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., T. C. Hesson, H. E. Sechler and W. H. Stubblebine; Elders M. J. Rowe and H. D. Warlick. Rev. J.

C. Clapp, D. D., was elected President pro tem., and Rev. W. H. Stubblebine Stated Clerk pro tem. The religious services were conducted by the President.

The items of the call were disposed of in the following action :

1. Action was deferred until the annual meeting of Classis.

2. The pastoral relation between Rev. T. C. Hesson and the Lincoln charge was dissolved and the charge declared vacant.

3. Rev. T. C. Hesson at his own request was dismissed to the Gettysburg Classis.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction.

J. C. CLAPP, PRESIDENT pro tem.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE, Stated Clerk pro tem.

Statistical Report of North Carolina Classis Synod of the Potomac, Reformed Church in the United States, for the Year Ending May 14th, A. D., 1902.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE STATISTICS ARE CAREFULLY AND OFFICIALLY PREPARED.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	Names of Charges or Congregations.	No. of Congregations	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.				LOSSES.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes Synod Wanted	Church Papers Taken	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	N. C.						
			Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate or Re- newal of Profession	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Erasure of Names	Deaths, Commun'ts	Deaths, Unconf'ied	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers					No. of Scholars	Students for Ministry	Benevolent	Purposes	Congregational	Purposes
John Ingle	Without Charge																				Green Park.					
Michael L. Hedrick	Without Charge																				Silver Hill.					
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	Without Charge																				Newton.					
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.	Without Charge																				Newton.					
John A. Foll, Ph. D.	Without Charge																				Newton.					
Paul Barringer	Lower Davidson	5	249	147	163	8		4		1	3			1	6	1	3	21	209	\$ 61 00	\$ 125 00	12	12	Newton.		
Joseph L. Murphy	Hickory	3	294	241	123	16		1	29	4	6			3	3	1	3	21	209	254 00	1068 00	12	12	Newton.		
Jacob C. Leonard, B. D.	Lexington Mission	1	70	50	27	6		5	14	17				1	1	1	12	138	35 00	350 00		12	12	Hickory.		
J. M. Luther Lively	Central Rowan	4	200	194	218	23				7	2			2	1	4	35	364	144 00	443 00		16	16	Lexington.		
James D. Andrew	Burlington	3	143	116	43	10	12	23						3	1	3	15	385	69 00	535 00		15	20	Burlington.		
Julius H. Shuford	Without Charge	4	467	352	195	6		16	27	3	17			1	7		4	472	280 00	1080 00		75	109	Hickory.		
H. A. M. Holmouser	Upper Davidson	1	84	65	32	7		10	9								1	16	86	75 00	445 00		6	12	Concord.	
Wm. H. McNairy	Concord	3	330	317	250	21		1	4	9	22	1		2	6	2	3	49	382	284 00	683 00		20	56	Newton.	
Clarence Clapp	Without Charge	2	318	264	102	2		5	1	5	11	4	10	25	1	1	4	3	21	230	120 00	489 00		23	38	Danville.
Chas. H. Riedesel	East Rowan	4	130	103	80	9		5	1	5	1	5	1	35	6	1	1	8	54	80 00	190 00		9	20	Conover.	
Geo. A. Stauffer	Gatawba	2	210	185	113	16		5	34	15	5			35	6	1	2	27	205	125 00	634 00		9	40	China Grove.	
Henry E. Secher	West Rowan	2	273	160	177	18		1	8	7	12			3	5	2	1	28	174	138 00	365 00		20	30	China Grove.	
John H. Keller	New Glend	2	38	22	36	2								2	1	8	45	8	45	31 00	267 00		3	3	Mt. Pleasant.	
Wm. B. Stubbs, Ph. D.	Salisbury Mission	1	165	98	63	6		13	12	1				4	2	1	17	70	128 00	4700 00		9	3	Salisbury.		
J. L. Murphy, Supply	Newton	1	10	10																8 00	50 00		12	14	Newton.	
Vacant	Lenoir Mission	3	208	135	100	4		6	9	7	2			3	3	3	22	170	56 00	355 00		12	14	Thomasville.		
Yacant	Thomasville	4	310	292	150	16		12	3	5				29	1	3	28	172	191 00	590 00		24	50	Maiden.		
J. L. Murphy, Supply	Lincoln	3	18	12	25																		7	6	Green Park.	
J. C. Leonard, Mission	Blowing Rock Mission	1	41	30	12			7	4	6				1	1		11	90	6 00	1100 00		7	6	High Point.		
David E. Bowers, (Lic.)	High Point Mission																									McKee.
Sam'l W. Beck, (Lic.)	Assistant, High Point																									Hickory.
Walter W. Rowe, (Lic.)																										
Totals.		46	3556	2704	1899	174	56	200	139	73	11	100	49	19	36	343	3246	6	\$2085 00	\$10534 00	281	468				

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES OF POTOMAC SYNOD: AND THE SEVERAL SYNODS.

	MEMBERS.					ADDITIONS.					LOSSES.					S. S. STATISTICS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes Wanted.	Church Papers Taken
	No. of Classes.	No. of Ministers.	Congregations.	Communicants.	Communed.	Unconfirmed.	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed.	Cer. or Re-Prof.	Dismissed	Excommunic'd	Erasure Names	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Unc'f'd	Sun. Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Sun. School Scholars.	Students for Min'try.	Benevolent Purposes.		
Zion's.....	16	37	5,026	4,294	3,034	3,034	317	27	254	156	76	1	78	94	55	39	598	5,314	3	\$ 8,813.45	\$27,492.47	
Maryland.....	43	65	10,173	8,077	6,012	6,012	511	49	461	260	197	54	65	185	124	59	1,145	8,694	6	11,263.00	55,775.00	
Mercesburg.....	13	25	3,671	3,017	1,691	1,691	97	55	132	92	54	37	37	60	17	22	402	2,845	5	5,683.99	15,295.52	
Virginia.....	17	33	2,536	2,093	1,188	1,188	46	21	74	48	35	4	29	53	10	28	252	1,568	1	2,516.80	11,125.21	
North Carolina.....	24	46	3,416	2,681	1,705	1,705	106	53	202	94	90	176	35	35	13	38	386	3,104	8	2,024.41	8,632.71	
Gettysburg.....	18	29	5,979	5,204	3,832	3,832	280	14	228	120	123	32	97	34	34	30	519	3,392	7	5,073.00	42,324.00	
Carlisle.....	14	21	2,490	1,992	1,164	1,164	61	19	86	60	47	47	32	40	14	19	310	2,515	4	2,792.98	10,452.06	
Junata.....	21	52	6,188	5,137	2,858	2,858	240	66	229	238	167	1	101	105	54	44	705	4,744	5	6,794.00	28,239.00	
Potomac Synod (Totals)	8	169	308	39,479	32,495	21,884	1,658	304	1,666	1,068	789	1	555	669	321	279	4317	32,176	39	\$43,941.63	\$199,335.97	
Pittsburgh Synod.....	5	86	149	19,125	15,714	9,681	800	158	825	628	380	1	597	226	104	137	1740	13,230	7	30,022.00	109,907.00	
Eastern Synod.....	12	313	536	102,118	81,716	51,693	5,331	508	4,981	3,125	1,704	3	1,569	1,493	1,065	137	1,740	13,230	7	116,432.00	502,031.00	
Ohio Synod.....	6	147	235	25,519	21,038	6,203	716	573	1,156	1,108	614	2	942	395	110	10	10	10	10	25,036.00	108,084.00	
Northwest Synod.....	12	169	217	22,244	15,943	14,277	1,556	29	1,156	609	236	23	481	313	194	10	10	10	10	20,717.00	103,256.00	
Central Synod.....	5	100	125	22,244	17,063	12,501	1,242	82	967	628	242	4	543	335	189	10	10	10	10	17,662.00	94,461.00	
German Synod of the East	5	63	55	15,208	11,930	10,378	1,897	18	966	656	109	2	733	350	131	10	10	10	10	9,223.00	93,966.00	
Interior Synod.....	5	59	66	3,111	2,629	1,345	137	69	133	122	87	1	156	47	15	10	10	10	10	6,268.00	35,831.00	
Totals.....	58	1107	1688	248,929	197,416	127,541	13,377	1745	11,898	7944	4161	36	557	13,828	2129	137	11,740	13,230	7	\$244,703.51	\$1,181,619.81	

The Woman's Missionary Society

—OF—

North Carolina Classis.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1902.

The sixth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Society met in Daniel's Church, Thursday, May 15th, 1902.

The president being absent, the Vice President, Mrs. G. A. Stauffer, opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer.

In the absence of the Secretary, Mrs. W. H. McNairy was appointed Secretary pro tem. On account of the hoarseness of the Secretary pro tem Mrs. J. C. Leonard kindly read the minutes of last session.

The Society next proceeded to the election of officers, re-electing all the old ones: President, Miss Ida Hedrick; Vice-President, Mrs. G. A. Stauffer; Treasurer, Mrs. G. T. Crowell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. LeRoy R. Whitener; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Frances Lippard.

The question of our public meeting then came up and it was decided that we have it on Friday evening as previously announced.

The following committees were appointed:

On Literature—Mrs. Whitener and Miss Lippard.
On Credentials—Mrs. Leonard and Miss Cline. Finance—Mrs. Davis and Miss Long. Courtesies—Mrs. McNairy

and Miss Mary Moose.

Mrs. C. C. Bost and Mrs. K. C. Menzies, both of Hickory, were elected delegates to General Synod.

Mrs. LeRoy R. Whitener and Miss Frances Lippard were elected delegates to the Potomac Synod.

Adjourned to meet Friday 9 A. M.

FRIDAY, MAY 16, 9, A. M.

The session was opened with devotional exercises. The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates present :

Concord—Miss Lippard, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Peck.

Crescent—Miss Addie McNairy.

Corinth (Hickory)—Mrs. Whitener and Mrs. Bost.

Bethel—Miss Mary Moose.

New Gilead—Miss Joana Cline.

Pilgrim—Miss Susan Long.

Ursinus—Miss Nora Peeler.

Ministers' Wives, Mesdames Leonard, Lyerly, McNairy and Stauffer.

Mrs. Davis was appointed Treasurer pro tem.

Mrs. Whitener relieved Mrs. McNairy of the duties of Secretary.

It was decided that the offerings at the meeting this evening be given to re-build the Girls' School in Sendai, Japan

A motion was made that our Society defray the expenses of the officers presiding at our meetings. Carried.

A letter was read from Mrs. Riedesel asking for help for Ursinus church at Rockwell, N. C. The Treasurer was asked to see Mr. Riedesel and find out the amount of the debt.

Miss Lippard read an interesting letter from Miss Zurfluh, our returned Missionary from Japan.

St. Lukes Society, having no delegate present, sent in a report which was read at this time.

Adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by Vice-President at 2 P. M. Devotional exercises ; hymn, "Jesus Lover of my Soul ;" reading 46th Psalm and prayer by Mrs. McNairy. Roll called and minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Most of the afternoon was spent in hearing reports from the different Societies. These were full of interest. The statistics will be found in the Corresponding Secretary's report.

The appeal from Ursinus church was presented again, and it was voted that we give them ten dollars. Miss Nora Peeler gave the thanks of the congregation for the same.

On payment of 50 cents each, Mrs. C. C. Bost and Mrs. K. C. Menzies became members of our Society for the ensuing year.

Miss Lippard presented the claims of the Mission Band Helper and Mrs. Whitener of the Woman's Journal. Mrs. Lyerly spoke of the Orphanage and urged that each Society take the subject into prayerful consideration during the year, so that at our next meeting we may be able to report something done for this much-needed institution.

The subject of having our meetings at some other time than when Classis is in session was again brought up. There was considerable discussion for and against a change. Decided finally that we meet next year one day before Classis and get through with as much of the business as possible. If this plan does not work well we go back to the old arrangement. Adjourned to meet Saturday.

At the opening meeting Friday night the following program was given :

Music—Choir.

Scripture Reading—Mrs. Stauffer.

Prayer.

Hymn.

Address of Welcome—Miss Addie Miller.

Response—Mrs. McNairy.

Recitation—Grace Willis.

Recitation—Master Farel Warlick.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Stauffer.

Recitation—Master Wyatt McNairy.

Vocal Solo—Rev. W. H. Stubblebine.

Paper : Home Influences, written by Miss Hedrick ;
read by Miss Lippard.

Vocal Quartette : Peace the Gift of God's Love.

Reading : Time and Its Opportunities—Miss Nora
Peeler.

Talk—Rev. W. H. Stubblebine.

Offerings.

Music.

Benediction.

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 10 A. M.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises. The Secretary having gone home Mrs. McNairy again acted as Secretary pro tem.

An appeal came from Lenoir mission for money. It was decided that we give them \$10.00.

Our contribution to the Girls' School in Sendia, including the offerings last night, was \$68.10. It was decided that we increase this to \$70.00.

Also that we give \$9.00 to Board of Home Missions.

Six dollars was reserved for printing Minutes. What remains in the treasury was to be sent on the debt of the Home Mission Board.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay out the money as specified.

Miss Addie McNairy was asked to send account of our meeting to Reformed Church Messenger, Mrs. Stauffer to

Adjourned to meet in Hickory, N. C., Wednesday,
April——, 1903, one day before Classis meets, at 3 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,

ALICE WHITENER,

SECRETARY.

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
OF THE
REFORMED CHURCH
IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Seventy-Third Annual Session,

HELD IN
CORINTH REFORMED CHURCH,

Hickory, N. C.,

APRIL 29TH TO MAY 2ND, 1903.

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OFFICERS OF THE CLASSIS:

PRESIDENT: Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser Lexington, N. C.
VICE PRESIDENT: Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly Crescent, N. C.
STATED CLERK: Rev. J. C. Leonard Lexington, N. C.
COR. SECRETARY: Rev. S. W. Beck Conover, N. C.
READING CLERK: Rev. C. B. Heller Maiden, N. C.
TREASURER: Mr. M. J. Rowe Newton, N. C.

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.

Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA

OF THE

Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF CLASSIS.

The classis of North Carolina, Synod of the Potomac, Reformed Church in the United States, convened in Corinth Reformed Church, Hickory, N. C. Wednesday, April 29th, A. D. 1903, at 8 o'clock p. m. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. H. Keller, the Vice President, from 2nd Timothy 2: 15. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." After the sermon the Holy Communion was celebrated. The Classis was then constituted in form. The Stated Clerk called the roll, and a quorum was found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ministers: John Ingle, P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lysterly, J. D. Andrew, J. H. Shuford, H. A. M. Holshouser, J. H. Keller, W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., D. E. Bowers, S. W. Beck, W. W. Rowe and C. B. Heller.

Elders: G. H. Geitner, Hickory Charge; P. J. Leonard,

Lexington; J. R. Fisher, Central Rowan; Jos. H. Leonard, Upper Davidson; J. C. Lippard, Concord; J. W. Clapp, Guilford; J. C. Hileman, New Gilead; J. B. Leonard, Newton; J. W. Motsinger, Thomasville; S. T. Wilfong, Grace.

The following members appeared at later sessions and took their seats: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., Paul Barringer, J. L. Bowers, J. A. Foil, Ph. D., W. H. McNairy, C. H. Riedesel, W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., and Elders W. C. Rose, West Rowan; M. M. Swing, Lower Davidson; G. H. Peeler, East Rowan; and E. T. Hedrick, High Point, Thursday morning. Elders J. W. Williams, Lincoln; R. L. Whitener, Bethel; H. C. Corriher, Salisbury; J. P. Rabb, Lenoir; and N. I. Rowe, Catawba, Thursday afternoon.

The following persons were admitted to seats as advisory members: Rev. W. A. Long, Ph. D., of the Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; Elders J. L. Ingold, L. R. Whitener, P. W. Whitener and J. E. Wilfong.

The seat of G. H. Geitner, of the Hickory charge, was occupied a part of the time by L. R. Whitener, Secundus; and that of James Propst, of the Catawba Charge, by N. I. Rowe, Secundus.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser; Vice President, Rev. J. M. L. Lysterly; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. S. W. Beck; Reading Clerk, Rev. C. B. Heller; Treasurer, Mr. M. J. Rowe. Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with. The President defined the bar of the house to be eight pews in front and those to the right of the pulpit. The following hours were fixed for opening and closing the ses-

sions of Classis: from 9 o'clock a. m. until 5 o'clock p. m., with a recess from 12 o'clock m. to 1:30 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees:

1. Religious Services: Revs. J. L. Murphy, W. W. Rowe and Elder G. H. Geitner.
2. Minutes of Classis: Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. H. Shuford and Elder Jos. A. Leonard.
3. Minutes of Potomac Synod: Revs. W. B. Duttera, D. E. Bowers and Elder J. C. Lippard.
4. Minutes of General Synod: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, S. W. Beck and Elder J. W. Clapp.
5. Overtures: Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, J. Ingle and Elder J. R. Fisher.
6. Examination and Licensure: Revs. J. C. Clapp, W. B. Duttera and Elder J. W. Williams.
7. Nominations: Revs. C. B. Heller, J. A. Foil and Elder J. W. Motsinger.
8. Finance: Rev. P. M. Trexler, and Elders S. T. Wilfong and E. T. Hedrick.
9. Education: Revs. C. H. Riedesel, J. L. Bowers and Elder J. B. Leonard.
10. Missions: Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. H. Keller and Elder P. J. Leonard.
11. Religion and Statistics: Revs. J. H. Keller, C. B. Heller and Elder J. C. Hileman.
12. Press Reports: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. D. Andrew and Elder H. C. Corriher.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Copies of the Minutes of Patomac Synod, the General

Synod and of the Classis were referred to the proper Standing Committees.

2. The report of the Treasurer of Classis was read, and then referred to the Committee on Finance to audit.

3. The report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

4. The annual reports of the Board of Home Missions and the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. Various other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were opened and closed with proper religious services. The Committee on Religious Services offered the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to report as follows :

Thursday, 8 o'clock p. m. : Service by the Woman's Classical Missionary Society.

Friday, 8 o'clock p. m. : Address by Rev. J. C. Leonard — "Salient Facts of Reformed Church History and Doctrine."

Saturday, 8 o'clock p. m. : Address on Missions by Rev. C. B. Heller.

Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m. Reformed Church, Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser; Presbyterian Church, Rev. C. B. Heller; Methodist Church, Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly; Baptist Church, Rev. J. C. Leonard.

Closing services : Hymn, Rev. S. W. Beck ; Address, Rev. P. M. Trexler; Prayer, Rev. D. E. Bowers; Creed and Lord's Prayer, by the Classis; Benediction by the President.

J. L. MURPHY,
W. W. ROWE,
G. H. GEITNER.

ARTICLE VIII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Reports were read by the several ministers of the Classis, and were then referred to the Committee on Religion and Statistics. The Constitutional questions were answered by the Elders.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS.

The Committee on the Minutes of Classis reported as follows Thursday afternoon:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Classis beg leave to call attention to the following items of unfinished business:

1. Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly and Elders S. T. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe constitute the Board of Education.

2 Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly was appointed agent to canvass thoroughly the entire Classis to raise funds for the proposed Orphans' Home.

3. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, J. D. Andrew and J. L. Murphy, D. D., were appointed to superintend Church Work Conventions in the several districts of the Classis.

4. Rev. Paul Barringer was continued Commissioner for Classis with instructions to secure the entire balance of outside pledges for the Salisbury Mission.

5. Rev. J. C. Leonard was instructed to canvass, in conjunction with the Board of Missions, the matter of receiving certain congregations in South Carolina.

6. Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., J. D. Andrew and J. H. Heller were appointed to ordain Licentiate D. E. Bowers.

7. The Treasurer of Classis was instructed to borrow \$300 donated to the Lenoir Mission, the latter to pay the interest.

8. Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser was instructed to organize a congregation at Waughtown, if advisable, and take it under his pastoral care.

9. The Lenoir and Blowing Rock Missions were committed to the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D.

10. Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. D. Andrew and Elder

M. J. Rowe were appointed a Standing Committee on Examination and Licensure

11. Revs. J. C. Leonard and J. D. Andrew were appointed a committee to canvass Greensboro with a view of organizing a congregation, and to have charge of the interests of the Reformed Church in that city.

12. The Thomasville Charge was committed to the care of Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and Licentiate D. E. Bowers.

13. The Lower Davidson Charge was committed to the care of Rev. Paul Barringer.

14. Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and D. E. Bowers were appointed to ordain Licentiate W. W. Rowe and install him pastor of the Thomasville Charge.

15. Revs. W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., J. L. Bowers and Elder W. E. Deal were appointed a committee on the reconstruction of certain charges between the Yadkin and Catawba Rivers.

16. The interests at Mitchell and Gibson Mills were referred to Revs. W. H. McNairy and J. H. Keller, with instructions to organize congregations if advisable.

17. The interest at Granite Quarry was committed to Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly with instructions to organize a congregation if advisable.

18. Revs. J. D. Andrew and D. E. Bowers were appointed a committee of supply for Guilford Charge.

19. Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., and J. C. Clapp, D. D., were appointed to install Rev. C. B. Heller pastor of the Lincoln Charge.

20. Revs. C. B. Heller, J. C. Clapp, D. D., and W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., were appointed to install Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., pastor of the Hickory Charge.

21. Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., and P. M. Trexler, D. D., were appointed a committee of supply for the Catawba Charge

22. Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and W. W. Rowe were appointed to install Rev. D. E. Bowers pastor of the High Point Mission.

23. Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy, D. E. Bowers and W. W. Rowe were appointed to install Rev. J. C. Leonard pastor of the Lexington Mission.

24. Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. C. Clapp, D. D., and

J. A. Foil, Ph. D., were appointed to ordain Licentiate S. W. Beck and install him pastor of the Catawba Charge.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
J. H. SHUFORD,
JOS. A. LEONARD.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. The following report was received and adopted:

The Board of Education report that W. S. Clapp and Milton Whitener, students of Catawba College, and studying for the ministry, have been under the care of the Board for the past year and have received aid to the extent of \$50 each. They are members of the Senior Class and will be graduated May 21st, 1903. We recommend that the sum of \$100 be apportioned for Beneficiary Education for the coming year.

J. L. MURPHY,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
S. T. WILFONG,
J. C. CLAPP.

The members of the Board of Education were reelected.

2. The following report was received:

Your Agent appointed at the last annual meeting of Classis to canvass the entire Classis, begs leave to report that he has been able to canvass only a part of the same, as follows: Central Rowan, Upper Davidson, Lexington, Thomasville, High Point, Burlington, Lincoln, Catawba, East Rowan, West Rowan, and Concord Charges. Of these Charges, all the churches have not been thoroughly canvassed, only the following congregations do we consider as having been thus canvassed: St. Luke's, Shiloh, Bethany, (Rowan), Bethel (Stanly), Mt. Zion, Concord, Lexington, High Point, Thomasville, Calvary, Hebron, Beulah, Trinity (Conover), Smyrna, St. Johns, Matthews, Salem, and Daniel's.

The following amounts have been pledged:—Central Rowan \$1301, Mt. Zion 246.25, New Gilead 403.50, High Point 35.95, Lincoln 521.40, Lexington 238.50, Catawba 126, Upper Davidson 349.70, Thomasville 74.35, Concord 220, Bethel (Stanly), 281.25, Emanuel 26.50, a total of \$3824.40, with 20 congregations not heard from, and a partial canvass of five.

Your agent could not continue the canvass on account of his inability to get a further Supply. It is our candid opinion that the canvass should be resumed, and the matter undertaken completed, and that this body should during its present session make arrangements therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY.

The report was referred to the following special committee: Revs. J. H. Keller, W. W. Rowe and Elder J. C. Hileman. At the session Saturday morning this committee submitted their report, which as amended and adopted follows:

Your special committee on Orphans' Home respectfully recommended the following: RESOLVED, That, in as much as the conditions have been complied with in the securing of \$3000 in subscriptions, a committee be appointed with Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly as chairman, with instructions to formulate plans for the purpose of carrying out the action of last year to establish an Orphans' Home.

J. H. KELLER,
W. W. ROWE,
J. C. HILEMAN.

The following committee, called for in the above action, was appointed: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, J. H. Keller and Elder J. C. Lippard.

3. Reports were made that the duty had been attended to.

The Superintendants were reappointed.

4. The following report was received and adopted.

TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS:

The action of North Carolina Classis in placing us in charge of all funds for the indebtedness of Salisbury Mission from outside sources was duly noted. Reporting we will say that we sent ten dollars during the year to Treasurer Rowe for this purpose. Of this amount five dollars was from Mrs. G. T. Crowell and five dollars from myself.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER.

5. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Soon after the adjournment of Classis last year I proceeded to carry out the instructions given me by your body relative to the reception of certain colored ministers and congregations in South Carolina. The action of Classis was referred to the Board of Home Missions, but the answer was returned that the way was not open to undertake that kind of work. Later the subject was brought to the attention of the Synod of the Potomac. The matter was discussed by that body under a divided sentiment. But the final decision was unfavorable. On account of the action of both the Board and the Synod, I thought it unwise to proceed further with the investigation. I may add, however, that I put the said ministers and congregations into correspondence with the Philadelphia Classis of the Dutch Reformed Church, by which body they have since been received.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

6. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

DEAR BRETHREN :

Your Committee appointed to ordain the Licentiate David E. Bowers to the Gospel ministry beg leave to report that the duty was performed at Daniel's Church, May 17th, 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. STUBBLEBINE,

J. D. ANDREW,

C. H. RIEDESEL.

7. The money has not yet been called for.

8. The following report was received and adopted:

Having consulted with our people at Waughtown in regard to the organization of a congregation at that place in accord with the instructions of Classis we decided that inasmuch as there is at present no available place of worship and inasmuch as they are unable to erect a house without outside help they think best not to organize. They ask Classis to remember their need and consider the opening at their place for building up a congregation.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

The committee was continued with the instructions of last year.

9. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee to whose care the interests at Lenoir and Blowing Rock were committed reports that Lenoir was supplied with preaching by Mrs. Clapp and Trexler, Murphy and Shuford each preaching once. Blowing Rock was supplied with preaching by your committee.

J. L. MURPHY.

10. The following report was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report that no applicant has appeared before your committee.

J. L. MURPHY.

11. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your appointees to whom were committed the interests of the Reformed Church in Greensboro beg leave to report as follows:

Soon after the adjournment of Classis we made a partial canvass of the city and found a number of Reformed people who were anxious for an organization. We held occasional services as time would permit up to March first of this year when we organized a congregation with 19 charter members under the name of the First Reformed Church of Greensboro. John H. Lowe and D. E. Clapp were elected Elders, and John F. Troxler and John T. Plott Deacons, and were inducted into office. In the meantime we overtured the Board of Missions to enroll Greensboro as a Mission, and our request was granted. Student H. S. T. Peeler will be commissioned to take charge July first next.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
J. D. ANDREW.

12. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS:

Your committee of supply for the Thomasville Charge beg

J. A. Foil, Ph. D., were appointed to ordain Licentiate S. W. Beck and install him pastor of the Catawba Charge.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
J. H. SHUFORD,
JOS. A. LEONARD.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. The following report was received and adopted:

The Board of Education report that W. S. Clapp and Milton Whitener, students of Catawba College, and studying for the ministry, have been under the care of the Board for the past year and have received aid to the extent of \$50 each. They are members of the Senior Class and will be graduated May 21st, 1903. We recommend that the sum of \$100 be apportioned for Beneficiary Education for the coming year.

J. L. MURPHY,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
S. T. WILFONG,
J. C. CLAPP.

The members of the Board of Education were reelected.

2. The following report was received:

Your Agent appointed at the last annual meeting of Classis to canvass the entire Classis, begs leave to report that he has been able to canvass only a part of the same, as follows: Central Rowan, Upper Davidson, Lexington, Thomasville, High Point, Burlington, Lincoln, Catawba, East Rowan, West Rowan, and Concord Charges. Of these Charges, all the churches have not been thoroughly canvassed, only the following congregations do we consider as having been thus canvassed: St. Luke's, Shiloh, Bethany, (Rowan), Bethel (Stanly), Mt. Zion, Concord, Lexington, High Point, Thomasville, Calvary, Hebron, Beulah, Trinity (Conover), Smyrna, St. Johns, Matthews, Salem, and Daniel's.

The following amounts have been pledged:—Central Rowan \$130.1, Mt. Zion 246.25, New Gilead 403.50, High Point 35.95, Lincoln 521.40, Lexington 238.50, Catawba 126, Upper Davidson 349.70, Thomasville 74.35, Concord 220, Bethel (Stanly), 281.25, Emanuel 26.50, a total of \$3824.40, with 20 congregations not heard from, and a partial canvass of five.

Your agent could not continue the canvass on account of his inability to get a further supply. It is our candid opinion that the canvass should be resumed, and the matter undertaken completed, and that this body should during its present session make arrangements therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY

The report was referred to the following special committee: Revs J. H. Keller, W. W. Rowe and Elder J. C. Hileman. At the session Saturday morning this committee submitted their report, which as amended and adopted follows:

Your special committee on Orphans' Home respectfully recommended the following: RESOLVED, That, in as much as the conditions have been complied with in the securing of \$3000 in subscriptions, a committee be appointed with Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly as chairman, with instructions to formulate plans for the purpose of carrying out the action of last year to establish an Orphans' Home.

J. H. KELLER,

W. W. ROWE

J. C. HILEMAN.

The following committee, called for in the above action, was appointed: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, J. H. Keller and Elder J. C. Lippard.

3. Reports were made that the duty had been attended to.

The Superintendants were reappointed.

4. The following report was received and adopted.

TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS:

The action of North Carolina Classis in placing us in charge of all funds for the indebtedness of Salisbury Mission from outside sources was duly noted. Reporting we will say that we sent ten dollars during the year to Treasurer Rowe for this purpose. Of this amount five dollars was from Mrs. G. T. Crowell and five dollars from myself.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER.

5. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Soon after the adjournment of Classis last year I proceeded to carry out the instructions given me by your body relative to the reception of certain colored ministers and congregations in South Carolina. The action of Classis was referred to the Board of Home Missions, but the answer was returned that the way was not open to undertake that kind of work. Later the subject was brought to the attention of the Synod of the Potomac. The matter was discussed by that body under a divided sentiment. But the final decision was unfavorable. On account of the action of both the Board and the Synod, I thought it unwise to proceed further with the investigation. I may add, however, that I put the said ministers and congregations into correspondence with the Philadelphia Classis of the Dutch Reformed Church, by which body they have since been received.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

6. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

DEAR BRETHREN:

Your Committee appointed to ordain the Licentiate David E. Bowers to the Gospel ministry, beg leave to report that the duty was performed at Daniel's Church, May 17th, 1902.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. STUBBLEBINE,

J. D. ANDREW,

C. H. RIEDESEL.

7. The money has not yet been called for.

8. The following report was received and adopted:

Having consulted with our people at Woughtown in regard to the organization of a congregation at that place in accord with the instructions of Classis we decided that inasmuch as there is at present no available place of worship and inasmuch as they are unable to erect a house without outside help they think best not to organize. They ask Classis to remember their need and consider the opening at their place for building up a congregation.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

The committee was continued with the instructions of last year.

9. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee to whose care the interests at Lenoir and Blowing Rock were committed reports that Lenoir was supplied with preaching by Mrs. Clapp and Trexler, Murphy and Shuford each preaching once. Blowing Rock was supplied with preaching by your committee.

J. L. MURPHY.

10. The following report was received and adopted:

The Committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report that no applicant has appeared before your committee.

J. L. MURPHY.

11. The following report was received and adopted:

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Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

J. D. ANDREW.

12. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS:

Your committee of supply for the Thomasville Charge beg

16. Request from Catawba Charge for sustentation.
17. Resolution from the Ministerial Association of Western North Carolina relative to holding a Spiritual Conference.
18. Communication from Rev. S. S. Miller, Treas. of Society for the Relief of Ministers and Widows.
19. Invitation from High Point to hold next meeting of Classis there.
20. Request from Lower Davidson Charge for sustentation.
21. Request from Lenoir Mission for preaching during the year.
22. Communication from Mr. John M. Kriminger relative to his troubles.
23. A paper from a business house in Scranton, Pa.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE
JOHN INGLE.

The report was considered by items and disposed of in the following action:

- 1, 2 and 3 were adopted.
4. The request was referred to the Board of Education.
5. Adopted.
6. The request was referred to the Board of Education.
- 7, 8 and 9 were adopted.
10. Classis will meet in adjourned session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., May 20th, 1903, at 1 o'clock, p. m.
11. Referred to the Committee on Missions.
12. The report was approved, and Rev. Clarence Clapp was excused for absence.
13. Referred to the Committee on Missions.
14. Adopted.
15. The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That, in as much as the certificate dismissing Rev. A. R. Holshouser to the Classis of North Carolina is two years old, the Stated Clerk be authorized to return the certificate to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio, for the endorsement.
16. Referred to the Committee on Missions.
17. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. W. H. Stubblebine, J. D. Andrew and Elder J. W. Clapp.

This committee at a subsequent session offered the following report, which was adopted:

Whereas, The value and importance of Spiritual Conferences are being generally recognized throughout the church and believing that such a conference will result in great good to our church, be it Resolved 1st—That such a Spiritual Conference be held. Resolved, 2nd—That said Conference be held at Catawba College. Resolved, 3rd—That a committee of three consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy D. D., C. B. Heller and Prof. J. B. Leonard be appointed to make arrangements for the Conference.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE,
J. D. ANDREW.
J. W. CLAPP.

18. Resolved—That hereafter all moneys coming into the hands of the Treasurer of Classis as offerings for the Ministerial Relief Society be credited by the Treasurer of the Society to the Classis on Life Membership.

19. Action was deferred until Classis is ready to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting.

20 and 21 were referred to the Committee on Missions.

22. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. J. L. Murphy, S. W. Beck and Elder M. M. Swing. At a later session this committee presented the following report which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred the overture of John M. Kriminger report. No papers have been received by your Committee, nor any facts ascertained which would warrant your Committee in taking action.

J. L. MURPHY.
S. W. BECK.
M. M. SWING.

23. Referred to the following special committee: Revs. C. B. Heller, J. D. Andrew and Elder P. J. Leonard. This committee presented the following report, which was adopted:

Your Committee to whom was referred Item 23 of the report of the Committee on Overtures would respectfully recommend that the Communication be placed in the hands of the Consistory of Grace Reformed Church in Newton.

C. B. HELLER.

J. D. ANDREW.

P. J. LEONARD.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD.

An election for delegates to the Synod of the Potomac was held Saturday afternoon. In the election of ministerial delegates Elders G. H. Peeler and P. J. Leonard were the tellers; and in the election of lay delegates the tellers were Revs. J. H. Keller and S. W. Beck. The following ministers and elders were elected.

MINISTERS—*Primarii*: Joseph L. Murphy, D. D., James D. Andrew, J. M. Luther Lyerly, Jacob C. Leonard, B. D., Harvey A. M. Holshouser, Samuel W. Beck, Jacob C. Clapp, D. D., and Calvin B. Heller. *Secundi*: John H. Keller, Peter M. Trexler, D. D., David E. Bowers, Wm. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., Charles H. Riedesel, Walter W. Rowe, Paul Barringer and Joshua L. Bowers.

ELDERS—*Primarii*: P. J. Leonard, S. T. Wilfong, J. C. Hileman, J. B. Leonard, M. M. Swing, E. T. Hedrick, J. R. Fisher and G. H. Peeler. *Secundi*: H. C. Corriher, J. C. Lippard, G. H. Geitner, W. C. Rose, J. W. Motsinger, J. W. Clapp, L. D. Shepherd and J. P. Rabb.

It was decided by the Classis that delegates attending the Synod this year shall bear their own expenses.

ARTICLE XII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod presented their report Friday afternoon, and it is as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of the Synod of the Potomac have carefully examined the same and find that these items require the attention of your body.

1. The attendace of Revs. J. C. Leonard and W. B. Duttera is to be noted:

2. Synod urges the Classes to assume all apportionments in full, and that this be done before other work be attempted.

3. The Synod apportions the following amounts to this Classis: a. Home Missions \$700; b. Foreign Missions \$500; c. Hungarian and Bohemian \$117; d. Work among Germans \$37; e. Harbor Missions \$14; f. Theological Seminary \$50; g. General Synod Contingent \$40. h. Potomac Synod Contingent \$45; i. Beneficiary Education \$142; j. Catawba College \$90;

4. Classis requested to interest pastors to hold at least one educational meeting during the year in each charge in the interest of education of women.

5. Classes are to instruct pastors and consistories to seek out and encourage young men of marked talent and piety to consecrate their lives to the Christian ministry.

6. The balance on annual interest to Catawba College unpaid by the several Classes are referred to them and they are requested to make immediate payment of same.

7. Synod urges Classes to raise 6 cents per member for Church Building.

8. Synod urges Classes to set apart a day for S. S. offerings in behalf of Home Missions.

9. Synod recommends the raising of a higher standard of efficiency in the S. S. and to hold (Clas.) or district conventions where practicable and that the contributions of Children's Day be given to the S. S. Board and S. S. Missions.

10. Instructions to Stated Clerks regarding abstracts and certain reports on ordinations by Examination Committee to Stated Clerks.

11. Synod's action regarding the Messenger and the Reformed Church Review.

12. Orphans' Homes are recommended to Classes and that Christmas offerings be given for that purpose.

13. The Society of Relief of Ministers and their Widows is referred with favorable consideration.

14. Synod nominated for membership in the Board of Trustees of Catawba College to be elected by this Classis the following:

Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. A. Foil, Ph., D. T. J. Barkley, D.

D., and Messrs. D. M. Carpenter, G. T. Shower, M. D. and W. H. Williams.

15. Synod meets in Faith Reformed Church Salisbury N. C., on Wednesday evening Oct. 21., 1903 at 8 o'clock.

W. B. DUTTERA.

D. E. BOWERS.

J. C. LIPPARD.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. Adopted.

2. See the action under item 3.

3. (a) Assumed; (b) A free-will offering (c) Not assumed; (d) Not assumed; (e) Not assumed; (f) \$25 assumed; (g) Assumed; (h) Assumed; (i) \$100.00 already assumed; (j) Assumed.

4, 5 and 6 were adopted.

7. RESOLVED, That since Classis has an apportionment for this purpose, six cents per member for Church Building can not be assumed.

8. Adopted, and the Second Sunday in November was designated.

9 and 10 were adopted.

11. RESOLVED, That we urge upon our people the necessity of subscribing for and reading at least one authorized church paper.

12. Laid on the table until the special committee on Orphans' Home shall report.

13. Adopted.

14. The nominees were elected.

15. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIII.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Committee on the Minutes of General Synod submitted its report Friday afternoon, as follows:

Your Committee on Minutes of General Synod begs leave to report the following items for your consideration:

1. Delegates to General Synod from North Carolina Classis.
2. Resolution, designating 2nd Sunday in November as Home Mission day in our Sunday Schools.
3. Resolution that Classis appoint an Executive Committee of Missions.
4. Resolution, that Committee above provided, consist of five members.
5. Resolution, recommending three Missionary districts.
6. Resolution recommending exchange of pulpits among pastors in the interest of Missions.
7. Resolution, commending "Missionary Gleanings."
8. Pastors to distribute Missionary leaflets and report number of same.
9. Pastors instructed to take collection for Foreign Missions soon thereafter.
10. Resolution, urging the need of the Girls' School.
11. Resolution, relative to Foreign Mission interests at Tokio, Japan.
12. Resolution, commending the equipment of hospital for use of China Mission.
13. Resolution, concerning the 25th Anniversary of the founding of Foreign Mission work in Japan.
14. Resolution, requesting congregations not to give aid to independant missions or missionaries.
15. Resolution, relative to appointment of certain Committees.
16. Resolution, commending Orphan's Home to the sympathy and support of our pastors.
17. Deaconess Home commended to the Sympathy and Support of our churches.
18. Resolution, commending the denominational reading course.
19. Resolution, recommending the distribution of printed blanks by Stated Clerk.
20. Resolution, relative to Sunday School work of the Twentieth Century movement.
21. Resolution, urging better methods for training teachers.
22. Resolution, urging Sunday Schools to contribute to the charitable work of the church.
23. Resolution relative to questionable methods of raising church money.

24. General Synod adjourned to meet in Zion Reformed Church, Allentown, Pa., on Tuesday May 16th, 1905, at 8 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

S. W. BECK,

J. W. CLAPP.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. Revs. J. L. Murphy and J. M. L. Lyerly were granted \$8.95 each, in part payment of their expenses.

2 and 3 were adopted.

4. Adopted and referred to the Committee on Nominations.

5. Adopted and referred to the Committee on Missions.

6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 were severally adopted.

15. Referred to the Executive Committee on Missions.

16, 17, 18 and 19 were adopted.

20. Referred to the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools.

21, 22, 23 and 24 were adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIV.

NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reported on Saturday afternoon as follows:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your Committee on nomination of candidates to serve as a Classical Executive Committee on Missions beg leave to recommend the election of the following named brethren together with the terms of service:

Ministers:—Rev. J. L. Murphy, three years, Rev. J. C. Leonard, two years, and Rev. J. H. Keller, one year.

Elders:—J. C. Lippard two years, and P. J. Leonard one year.

Your Committee also recommends the re-election of Elder M. J. Rowe as Treasurer of Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HELLER.

Chairman.

The report was adopted, and the persons named were elected.

ARTICLE XV.

MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions reported on Saturday morning. The report as adopted follows:

Report of the Committee on Missions.

Your Committee on Missions begs leave to make the following report:

1. A Request from the Lenoir Mission asking aid.

We recommend that Lenoir and Blowing Rock be placed under the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., with an appropriation of \$100 per annum.

2. A Request from Lower Davidson Charge asking aid.

We recommend that \$100 be given that Charge to supplement the pastor's salary.

3. A Request from the Catawba Charge asking aid.

We recommend that \$100 be given that Charge.

4. A Request from Bethany congregation of the upper Davidson Charge asking for aid on the Building Fund.

We recommend that \$50 be given that congregation this year and \$50 next year; the congregation to pay interest on money borrowed.

5. The apportionment from the Potomac Synod of \$700 for Home Missions.

We recommend that this amount be assumed in full.

6. A Communication from Supt. A. C. Whitmer concerning a deficit in the Salisbury loan.

We recommend that Rev. W. B. Duttera be appointed a commissioner with instructions to secure the entire balance due on the \$400 pledged on the Salisbury debt by outside friends.

7. The Report of the Board of Home Missions.

We rejoice at the evidence of growth and prosperity as shown by this report.

8. The Report of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

We rejoice at the growth and prosperity of our work in the foreign field.

9. Apportionments for Building Fund.

We recommend that \$100 be referred to the committee on finance for apportionment for the Building Fund of Burlington and \$100 for the loan at Lexington.

We recommend also the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina place upon record an expression of appreciation for the substantial encouragement given our mission work by the Board of Missions through the enrollment and support of so many new points within the last few years.

Resolved, That we are especially gratified because of the planting of a Mission in the growing city of Greensboro.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to raise in full the apportionment sent down by Synod for Home Missions, and in addition we call upon our congregations, Missionary Societies and Sunday Schools to make liberal special offerings for this cause.

Resolved, That we earnestly request the Board of Missions at its July meeting to enroll Lenoir, and place a man there as soon as possible.

J. D. ANDREW.
J. H. KELLER.
P. J. LEONARD.

ARTICLE XVI.

RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

The Committee on Religion and Statistics reported Saturday afternoon. The report as adopted follows:

DEAR BRETHREN—From the parochial and statistical reports which have come into our hands we learn that numerically and extensively the work of the Master is being prosecuted with zeal and energy. Yet we are ever mindful that true growth and progress can not be reckoned nor computed by man but can only be seen by the Great Head of the Church by whose Spirit alone we, co-laboring with Him, can fulfill the great command, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of every creature."

With gratitude unto God, who through Christ is reconciling the world unto Himself, and hath given us the grand privilege of partaking in this work, to Him we look for strength and wisdom that we may ever be found feeding the flock of God upon the bread of Eternal Life.

We note an increase of 266 communicant members with 100 less names erased than last year.

Our benevolence increased \$544, which includes the Archie Campbell Shuford Church Building Fund which is contributed by Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shuford, the first one given in our Classis.

Our amount for congregational purposes has increased \$1181.

Death has claimed 16 more this year than last and one of this number was the wife of our Brother, Rev. Paul Barringer. May Jesus who is the Resurrection and the Life grant him and us that hope of immortality which fadeth not away. There are some significant facts in these reports as compared with previous years, and yet from the cheerful tone, and lack of fault-finding, the cheerful response of pastor and people to the will of Classis, the zeal for missions, all these betoken a deeper and broader spirituality of life, and may we all be fruitful in the Kingdom of God, to the honor of His Great Name.

Respectfully Submitted.

J. H. KELLER.

C. B. HELLER.

J. C. HILEMAN.

The statistics will be found in the Appendix.

ARTICLE XVII.

TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday afternoon Classis proceeded to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting. The First Reformed Church of High Point was selected as the place, and Wednesday, May 4th, A. D. 1904, at 8 o'clock p. m. as the time.

ARTICLE XVIII.

EDUCATION.

The President of the Trustees of Catawba College read his report, and it was then referred to the committee on Education. It is as follows:

Fathers and Brethren:—The Trustees of Catawba College hereby present the following as their report.

The teachers in Catawba College during the year ending May 21, 1903, have been the following persons: Charles H.

Mebane, W. W. Chandler, W. R. Weaver, J. B. Leonard, Miss Irma Whitmore, Miss Rosa Rowe, Miss Bertha Herman, with Mrs. Belle Cecil as Matron. The number of students enrolled are 190 and are divided as follows among the different departments: Collegiate department 31; Academic 111, Primary Department 28, Music Department 26, and the Business Department 29. The present Senior class numbers three.

The Synod of the Potomac nominated the following persons for Trustees of the school for the term of three years: Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. A. Foil, Ph. D., T. J. Barkley, D. D., and Messrs. D. M. Carpenter, G. T. Shower, M. D., and W. H. Williams. It is the duty of this Classis to elect these persons.

Aside from the tuition the following amounts have been received from the designated sources. Potomac Synod \$452.96; Eastern Synod for Building Fund \$173.47. Special Repair and Equipment Fund about \$150.

At the meeting of the Potomac Synod held at Mechanicsburg, Pa., on the 14-20 of October, 1902, a committee which had been appointed at a previous meeting of the Synod to ascertain the amount of interest paid by the Synod to Catawba College and the deficit now existing of which Committee the Rev. J. B. Schontz of Chambersburg, Pa., was chairman, reported that the whole amount apportioned by the Synod for Catawba College was \$5,900.00. The amount paid by the Synod was \$3,400.00. The amount remaining unpaid is \$2,500.00. By an action of this same Synod five years time was given in which the Catawba College may appeal to the people of the Potomac Synod for the completion of the \$17,000 endowment promised by Synod.

From the facts and statements it doth appear that the Synod has not paid promptly the amount promised and that soon—within five years the fostering care of Synod is to be withdrawn. This places the college in a critical condition and demands the deepest consideration at the hands of this body as the Classis is more deeply concerned than any one else. In view of this fact I recommend that Friday May 1, at 10 o'clock be named as the time for considering this report and the interests of Catawba College.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH L. MURPHY.

President Board of Trustees of Catawba College.

The Committee on Education reported Friday morning. Their report as adopted follows:

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report that we find the report of the President of the Trustees of Catawba College of such a nature that we recommend for your consideration the entire report.

We also recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the attention of the Reformed people be called to Catawba College as the proper place to educate their children.

Resolved, That the Trustees of Catawba College be instructed by the Classis to put an agent in the field of the Synod of the Potomac at once in order to secure the proposed endowment of \$17,000.

Resolved, That, since the present buildings need recovering and since the dormitory and recitation rooms are not sufficient for the needs of the College, the Trustees be urged to take action at their meeting in May to raise money to erect a new building and improve the old ones in accordance with plans submitted to the Board three years ago.

Resolved, That we authorize the Trustees to canvass the Classis in order to secure at least \$5000 for the proposed new building and improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. RIEDESEL,
J. B. LEONARD,
J. L. BOWERS.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance reported Saturday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance begs leave to make the following report:

Having examined the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with the same, we find it correct and recommend its adoption.

Treasurer's Report.

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

I beg leave to make my annual report for the year 1902-1903 as follows:

We recommend also the following apportionments:

RECEIPTS:

CHARGES.	Contingent Fund.	Church Building.	Beneficiary Education.	Theological Seminary.	Home Missions.	Catawba College.	Foreign Missions.
Balance in Treasury	\$ 30.15	\$175.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 25.00	\$150.63	\$. .	\$. .
Guilford	11.00	19.15	5.00	1.00	27.60	6.25	. . .
Burlington	10.25	10.80	3.75	1.00	32.50	4.00	20.15
Hickory	24.75	35.00	12.00	2.50	66.50	10.25	30.00
Central Rowan	12.25	14.50	5.50	1.50	26.50	4.55	22.90
West Rowan	17.75	25.00	8.00	1.50	53.50	7.50	. . .
East Rowan	25.00	30.50	10.50	2.25	43.88	9.00	118.47
Lincoln	25.00	30.50	11.00	3.00	70.00	8.75	29.67
Thomasville	10.00	12.00	4.00	1.00	27.00	4.00	4.00
Upper Davidson	23.75	32.00	10.50	2.50	46.00	8.50	6.45
Lower Davidson	6.00	14.05	4.65	.75	52.50	6.20	. . .
Catawba	5.75	10.50	3.50	.75	26.00	3.25	6.62
Newton	16.00	21.00	7.35	2.00	48.00	6.00	22.28
New Gilead	14.75	22.50	7.50	1.00	50.00	6.50	22.82
Concord	5.00	7.50	2.50	.75	20.50	2.00	16.23
Salisbury	2.75	3.00	1.00	1.00	12.00	.75	. . .
Lenoir	1.50	1.50	.50	1.00	6.00	.25	. . .
Mt. Bethel	1.25	1.50	.50	.50	5.00	.50	. . .
Lexington	6.50	7.00	1.75	.75	15.00	1.25	16.82
High Point	2.00	2.00	.50	.25	6.00	.50	6.30
W. C. M. Society	5.00				18.00		85.00
Grace							7.25
Rev. H. E. Sechler							60.00
Totals	\$256.40	\$475.00	\$107.00	\$ 50.00	\$803.11	\$ 90.00	\$581.96

SPECIAL FUNDS.

Newton charge, Children's Day Offering	\$6 33
New Gilead charge, Chicago Bohemian Mission	5 17

PRIVATE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR SALISBURY MISSION:

W. E. Deal	\$ 5 00
Rev. Paul Barringer	5 00

Mrs. M. A. Crowell.....	5 00
Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly.....	5 00
Balance in Treasury.....	25 00

Total..... \$45 00

Newton S. S. Home Mission Day Offering.....	13 00
Bethel Congregation, East Rowan charge.....	3 05

Total..... \$16 05

ORPHANS' HOME FUND.

M. Society, New Gilead charge.....	\$ 7 40
Upper Davidson charge.....	5 38
East Rowan charge.....	3 58
Balance on hand.....	22 65

Total..... \$39 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Out of Contingent Fund:

Rev. J. N. Faust, Expenses to Synod.....	\$12 50
Printing Minutes of Classis.....	60 00
Interest at Shuford's Bank.....	48 00
Stated Clerk's Salary and Expenses.....	30 41
Contingent Fund, Potomac Synod.....	45 00
Rev. W. H. McNairy, Expenses to Synod.....	14 50
Safe Deposit Box Rent.....	4 00
Treasurer's Salary and Expenses.....	11 75

Total..... \$226 16

Balance in the Treasury..... 30 24

Paid out of Building and Salisbury Debt Fund:

Burlington Church.....	\$100 00
John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	150 00
Shuford's Bank on Note.....	100 00

Total..... \$350 00

Balance in Treasury..... 125 00

Paid out of Beneficiary Education Fund :

W. S. Clapp, Student at Catawba College.....	\$50 00
Milton Whitener, Student at Catawba College.....	50 00

Total..... 100 00

Balance in the Treasury..... 7 00

Paid Out of Theological Seminary Fund:

John B. Roth, Treasurer.....	\$25 00
Balance in the Treasury.....	25 00

Paid Out of Catawba College Fund:

George N. Forney, Treasurer.....	90 00
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Paid Out of Foreign Mission Fund:

Joseph L. Lemberger, Treasurer.....	\$499 86
Balance in Treasury.....	82 10

Paid Out of Home Mission Fund:

John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	468 63
Lenoir Mission.....	50 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	50 00

Total.....\$568 63

Balance in the Treasury..... 234 48

Arrearages on Home Missions:

Guilford Charge.....	32 40
East Rowan Charge.....	24 12
Upper Davidson Charge, Beulah Congregation.....	22 00

Total..... 78 52

Paid Out of Salisbury Subscription Fund:

John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	30 00
Balance in the Treasury.....	15 00

Paid Out of Washington Church Fund:

C. S. Slagle, Treasurer.....	15 69
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Statement of Out Standing Indebtedness:

Due Shuford's Bank.....	700 00
Due Mrs. G. T. Crowell.....	45 00

Total..... 745 00

Paid out of Children's Day Fund:

Dr. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer..... \$ 6 33

Paid out of Bohemian Mission Fund:

John J. Nissley, Treasurer..... 5 17

Paid out of Special Mission Fund:

Rev. H. E. Jones, Philadelphia Mission..... 2 00

John J. Nissley, Treasurer..... 14 05

Total..... 16 05

Paid out of Orphans' Home Fund:

Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly..... 17 75

Balance in Treasurery..... 21 26

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. ROWE, Treasurer.

APPORTIONMENTS:

CHARGES.	Contingent Fund.	Church Build'g F'd.	Beneficiary Education.	Theological Seminary.	Catawba College.	Home Missions.
Guilford	\$ 14.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 5.40	\$ 60.00
Burlington	13.00	13.75	5.50	1.40	5.00	55.00
Hickory	16.50	17.50	7.00	1.75	6.25	70.00
Central Rowan	10.50	11.25	4.50	1.15	4.00	50.00
West Rowan	13.00	13.75	5.50	1.40	5.00	55.00
East Rowan	15.25	16.25	6.50	1.60	5.90	73.00
Lincoln	23.50	25.00	10.00	2.50	9.00	100.00
Thomasville	11.75	12.50	5.00	1.25	4.50	50.00
Upper Davidson	28.00	30.00	12.00	3.00	10.75	107.00
Lower Davidson	13.00	13.75	5.50	1.40	5.00	55.00
Catawba	10.50	11.25	4.50	1.15	4.00	45.00
Newton	14.00	15.00	6.00	1.50	5.50	60.00
New Gilead	20.00	21.25	8.50	2.15	7.60	85.00
Concord	6.50	6.90	2.75	.70	2.50	27.50
Salisbury	3.00	3.15	1.25	.35	1.15	12.50
Lenoir	1.20	1.25	.50	.15	.50	5.00
Mt. Bethel	1.20	1.25	.50	.15	.50	5.00
Lexington	8.25	9.75	3.50	.90	3.25	35.00
High Point	3.50	3.75	1.50	.40	1.25	15.00
Grace	4.10	4.40	1.75	.45	1.55	17.50
Bethel	4.10	4.40	1.75	.45	1.55	17.50
Totals	\$234.85	\$251.10	\$100.00	\$ 25.30	\$ 90.15	\$1002.00

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. TREXLER,
S. T. WILFONG.
G. H. PEELER.

ARTICLE XX.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Standing Committee on Sunday Schools reported Saturday afternoon. The report as adopted is as follows :

Your standing Committee on Sunday Schools begs leave to report that from the reports in hand we find there are 40 Sunday Schools in our Classis with a total enrollment of 3975.

This shows a healthy growth for the past year. Your Com-

mittee would recommend that pastors urge all members of their churches as far as practicable to attend and take part in the Sunday School work.

J. D. ANDREW,
J. L. MURPHY,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

The members of the committee were reappointed.

ARTICLE XXI.

MICELLANEOUS.

The following named visiting brethren were invited to seats: Revs. Parker Holmes, of the Methodist Church; W. T. Matthews and W. W. Edge, of the Presbyterian Church; and W. P. Cline and R. L. Fritz, of the Lutheran Church.

Elder E. T. Hedrick was excused from attendance after Thursday evening, and Elder George H. Peeler was substituted on the committees to which he had been appointed.

At the close of the session Thursday evening the Classis resolved to devote the hour from nine until ten o'clock Saturday morning to the cause of Temperance.

The committee on Examination and Licensure for the Classical year consists of Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., and Elder J. W. Williams.

At the session Friday afternoon the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the attention of Potomac Syned be called to the omission of the reception of the Rev. W. H. Stubblebine by North Carolina Classis.

The following sums were from time to time referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment: Stated Clerk's salary and expenses, \$40.12; Safe deposit box rent, \$4.00; Printing the Minutes of Classis, \$50.00; Treasurer's salary and expenses, \$13.55; Interest on note, \$24.00.

Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. D. Andrew and D. E. Bowers were appointed a committee of supply for the First Reformed Church of Greensboro.

At the last session of Classis the following resolutions of thanks were adopted:

Whereas, The Classis of North Carolina has been so hospitably and cordially entertained by the Corinth congregation, and,

Whereas, The ministers and elders of Classis have greatly enjoyed their fellowship with and the hospitality of Corinth Church,

Resolved, That we express our sincere appreciation of the kind and genial hospitality of this good people by a rising vote.

Resolved, That these resolutions be read by the pastor at the service Sunday morning to the congregation, and be published in the news papers.

The following was adopted expressive of the sense of Classis as to the place where baptism should be administered: The church being the place dedicated for the worship of God, it is the opinion of this body that the sacrament of baptism should be administered in the church when practicable.

The following report of the Committee on reporting for the press was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Press Reports beg leave to report that the "Charlotte Daily Observer" has been furnished with reports of the proceedings of Classis.

J. L. MURPHY.

At the Friday morning session a committee on Leave of Absence was appointed, consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy, C. H. Riedesel and Elder L. R. Whitener. Saturday afternoon this committee reported as follows:

Your Committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that the following persons have been excused: Revs. W. H. McNairy, J. L. Bowers, Paul Barringer and J. A. Foil. Elders Jos. A. Leonard, J. W. Motsinger, J. W. Clapp and H. C. Corriher.

J. L. MURPHY,
L. R. WHITENER.

ARTICLE XXII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Classis having finished the transaction of all business, the roll was called, and all persons not previously excused answered to their names. The minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved. The services provided by the Committee on Religious Services were observed.

ARTICLE XXIII.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Classis adjourned finally Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, to meet in adjourned session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., May 20th, 1903, at 1 o'clock p. m., and in annual session in the First Reformed Church, High Point, N. C., May 4th, 1904, at 8 o'clock p. m.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER, President,
J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., June 7th, 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m., in obedience to the following call:

Concord, N. C., May 24th, 1902.

Dear Brother: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., June 7th, 1902, at 2 o'clock p. m. to hear the report of the committee on the reconstruction of the Hickory and Lincoln Charges.

W. H. McNAIRY, President.

There being no quorum present, adjournment was taken until June, 9th at 2 o'clock p. m. At this latter date the Classis was called to order by the Stated Clerk. Rev. W.

H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., was elected President pro tem. The President conducted the devotional services. The following members were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. M. L. Lyerly, J. C. Leonard, H. E. Sechler and W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D.; Elders M. J. Rowe, Levi Bullinger and J. S. Whitener.

The committee on the reconstruction of the Hickory and Lincoln Charges made the following report:

Your committee on the reconstruction of the Hickory and Lincoln Charges beg leave to recommend the following: RESOLVED, That the matter of re-arranging the churches composing the Hickory and Lincoln Charges be referred back to the Consistories and people of the churches of the said charges to make such recommendations for reconstruction as to them may seem most expedient.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. STUBBLEBINE,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
LEVI BULLINGER.

The report was adopted.

The minutes were read and approved and the Classis adjourned with prayer and the benediction by the Stated Clerk.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE, President pro tem,
J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Heidelberg Reformed Church, Thomasville, N. C., July 22, 1902, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., in obedience to the following call of the President:

Concord, N. C., July 4th, 1902.

Dear Brother: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Heidelberg Reformed Church, Thomasville, N. C., July 22, 1902, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. to attend to the following business: 1. To consider a call from the Thomasville Charge to Licentiate W. W. Rowe. 2. If in order, to provide for the ordination and installation

of Licentiate W. W. Rowe. W. H. McNairy, President.

In the absence of the President the Stated Clerk called the Classis to order. Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser was appointed President pro tem; and he took the chair and conducted the devotional services. The following members were present: Revs. H. A. M. Houlshouser, D. E. Bowers, J. C. Leonard, and Licentiate W. W. Rowe; Elders, J. P. Long, T. W. S. Grimes and E. T. Hedrick. The items of the call were disposed of as follows: 1. The call being found in order was confirmed. 2. The following Committee was appointed to ordain Licentiate W. W. Rowe and install him pastor of the Thomasville Charge: Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Houlshouser and D. E. Bowers.

The Classis adjourned with the benediction by the President.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER, President pro tem.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Bethany Reformed Church, Crescent, N. C., September 11th, 1902, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., in obedience to the following call of the President: Concord, N. C., Aug. 19th. 1902. Dear Brother: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Bethany Reformed Church, Crescent, N. C., Sept. 11th 1902, at 1:30 o'clock p. m. to attend to the following items of business:

1. To hear the report of the committee on the reconstruction of the New Gilead, East Rowan and Central Rowan Charges.

2 To take whatever action the Classis may deem necessary in regard to the aforesaid charges.

3 To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. G. A. Stauffer and the Guilford Charge.

4 To dismiss Rev. G. A. Stauffer to Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio.

The devotional services were conducted by the President. Rev. J. H. Keller was appointed Stated Clerk pro tem.

The following members were present:

Revs. Paul Barringer, C. H. Riedesel, J. M. L. Lyerly, W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., J. L. Bowers, W. H. McNairy and J. H. Keller; Elders A. W. Moose, Crawford Peeler, W. E. Deal and H. C. Peeler.

The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1 and 2. The Committee made their report which as amended and finally adopted is as follows: In view of the condition of some of the congregations we recommend that the matter of reconstruction be referred back to the committee with instructions to visit the congregations they think best, presenting the matter to the people in congregational meetings. We recommend further that the interests at Mitchell and Gibson Mills be referred to Revs. W. H. McNairy and J. H. Keller, with instructions to organize a congregation at one or both points, if it be deemed advisable. We recommend further that the interest at Granite Quarry be referred to Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly with instructions to organize a congregation if advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. DUTTERA,

J. L. BOWERS,

W. E. DEAL.

3. The pastoral relation between Rev. G. A. Stauffer and the Guilford Charge was dissolved. Revs. J. D. Andrew and D. E. Bowers were appointed a committee of supply for the Charge. Instructions were given that the Brick Church settle their claims with Rev. G. A. Stauffer, and until such is done Classis will withhold the confirmation of a call to a successor in the said charge.

4. Rev. G. A. Stauffer was at his own request dismissed to the Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio.

The minutes were read and approved and the Classis adjourned with the doxology, and the benediction by Rev. Paul Barringer.

W. H. McNAIRY, President.

J. H. KELLER, Stated Clerk pro tem.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, N. C., Oct. 1st, 1902, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., in response to the following call:

Concord, N. C., Sept. 16th, 1902.

Dear Brother: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, N. C., October 1st 1902, at 1:30 o'clock p. m., to attend to the following items of business:

1. To receive Rev. C. B. Heller from the Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

2. To confirm a call from the Lincoln Charge to Rev. C. B. Heller.

3. If the call is in order to provide for the installation of Rev. C. B. Heller.

Devotional services were conducted by the President. Rev. J. H. Keller was appointed Stated Clerk pro tem. The following members were present: Revs. W. H. McNairy, Paul Barringer and J. H. Keller; Elders A. W. Moose and J. C. Lippard.

The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1. A letter dismissing Rev. C. B. Heller from Juniata Classis to North Carolina Classis was read, and he was received and his name placed on the roll of ministers.

2. The call from the Lincoln Charge to Rev. C. B. Heller was found in order and confirmed.

3. The following committee was appointed to install Rev. C. B. Heller pastor of the Lincoln Charge: Revs. J. A. Foil,

Ph. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., and J. C. Clapp, D. D.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction.

W. H. McNAIRY, President.

J. H. KELLER, Stated Clerk pro tem.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Jan. 19th, 1903, at 11 o'clock, a. m., in obedience to the following call: Concord, N. C., Jan. 1st, 1903. Dear Brother: There will be a special meeting of the Classes of North Carolina in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., January 19th, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m. to attend to the following items of business:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., and the Hickory Charge.

2. To consider the division of the Hickory Charge, making Corinth congregation an independent charge.

3. To make such provision for the Grace and Bethel congregations of the Hickory Charge as may be deemed proper and best.

4. If the division is made, to confirm a call from Corinth congregation for the pastoral services of Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., and to provide for his installation.

5. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. H. E. Sechler and the Catawba Charge.

W. H. McNAIRY, President.

Rev. W. H. Stubblebine was appointed President pro tem., and Rev. P. M. Trexler, Stated Clerk pro tem. The devotional services were conducted by the President pro tem.

The following members were present: Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. C. Clapp, D. D., W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., and C. B. Heller;

Elders, J. S. Whitener, Levi Bullinger, J. C. Warlick and M. J. Rowe; Licentiate S. W. Beck; Elders Propst, Wilfong, Hunsucker and D. H. Warlick, advisory members.

The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. L. Murphy and the Hickory Charge was dissolved and the charge declared vacant.

2. The Hickory Charge was divided, and the Corinth congregation was constituted an independent charge.

3. Grace and Bethel congregations were left independent for the present to supply themselves with services as each thinks best.

4. The call to Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., from the Corinth congregation of Hickory being found in order was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to install him pastor: Revs. C. B. Heller, J. C. Clapp, D. D., and W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D.

5. The pastoral relation between Rev. H. E. Sechler and the Catawba Charge was dissolved and the charge declared vacant. A committee of supply for the Catawba Charge was appointed consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., and P. M. Trexler, D. D.

The following resolutions were adopted.

Resolved, That it is with deep regret that we learn that the Licentiate S. W. Beck contemplates leaving this Classis.

Resolved, That we earnestly request that he reconsider his decision to leave.

Resolved, That we assure Brother Beck that an effort will be made at the next annual meeting of Classis to supplement his salary to the extent of \$400.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned in the usual form.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE, Presidedt pro tem

P. M. TREXLER, Stated Clerk pro tem

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in the First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C., Feb. 5th, 1903, at 7 o'clock p. m. in obedience to the following call: Concord, N. C., Jan. 21st, 1903. Dear Bro.: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in the First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C., Feb. 5th, 1903, at 7 o'clock p. m. to attend to the following items of business.

1. To consider a call to Rev. D. E. Bowers from the First Reformed Church of High Point.
2. If in order, to provide for the installation.
3. To consider a call to Rev. J. C. Leonard from the First Reformed Church of Lexington.
4. If in order, to provide for his installation.

The devotional services were conducted by the President. The following members were present: Revs. W. H. McNairy, H. A. M. Holshouser, D. E. Bowers, W. W. Rowe and J. C. Leonard; Elders D. H. Hinkle and E. T. Hedrick.

The business was disposed of in the following action:

1. The call was found in order and confirmed.

The following committee was appointed to install Rev. D. E. Bowers pastor of the First Reformed Church of High Point: Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and W. W. Rowe.

3. The call from the First Reformed Church of Lexington to Rev. J. C. Leonard was confirmed and the following committee was appointed on installation: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNary, D. E. Bowers and W. W. Rowe.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction.

W. H. MCNAIRY, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Feb. 16th, at 11 o'clock a. m., in obedience to the following call: Concord, N. C., Jan. 10th, 1903. Dear Bro.: There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina, in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Feb. 16th, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m., to attend to the following items of business:

1. To consider a call to Licentiate S. W. Beck from the Catawba Charge.

2. If the call is in order, to provide for the ordination and installation of Licentiate S. W. Beck.

W. H. McNAIRY, President.

Rev. W. H. Stubblebine was elected President pro tem, and Rev. J. A. Foil Stated Clerk pro tem. The following members were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, P. M. Trexler, W. H. Stubblebine, J. A. Foil and Licentiate S. W. Beck; Elders M. J. Rowe and L. A. Bullinger.

The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1. The call from the Catawba Charge to Licentiate S. W. Beck was found in order and confirmed.

2. The following committee was appointed to ordain Licentiate S. W. Beck and install him pastor of the Catawba Charge: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp and J. A. Foil.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned in the usual form.

W. H. STUBBLEBINE, President pro tem,
J. A. FOIL, Stated Clerk pro tem.

Statistical Report of North Carolina Classis, Synod of the Potomac, Reformed Church in the U. S., for the year ending April 29, A. D. 1903.

I hereby certify that these statistics are carefully and officially prepared.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS.	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS.	No. of Congregations.	MEMBERS.		ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.		Minutes of Synod Wanted.	P. O. ADDRESS.																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																										
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES OF POTOMAC SYNOD; AND THE SEVERAL SYNODS.

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	Classes.	Ministers.	Congregations	Communicants.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certificate or Renewal of Prof'n.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Name.	Deaths, Com'ts.	Deaths, Uned.	Number of	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Students for Ministry.	Beneficent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Zion's.....	1	17	37	5277	4208	2945	278	29	255	209	68	..	58	86	88	35	623	5418	2	\$5,954	\$34,545
Maryland.....	1	44	65	10407	8187	6081	463	52	370	281	178	..	84	159	81	61	1217	8545	7	11,222	57,153
Mercersburg.....	1	14	24	3492	2987	1388	78	51	142	95	80	..	113	57	11	21½	388	2645	6	5,196	22,259
Virginia.....	1	20	33	2558	2123	1257	87	45	114	52	46	..	34	46	9	33	328	1868	1	2,798	19,289
North Carolina.....	1	23	46	3558	2704	1899	174	56	200	139	73	11	100	49	19	36	343	3246	19	2,085	10,534
Gettysburg.....	1	19	29	5968	5271	3710	246	13	195	144	99	..	97	83	28	29	475	3581	7	5,153	29,863
Carlisle.....	1	14	21	2502	2029	1233	53	23	64	78	57	..	24	27	14	20	337	2599	3	3,415	12,832
Juniata.....	1	18	53	6332	5181	2852	244	82	300	219	165	..	72	107	57	46	667	4992	3	7,584	30,669
Potomac Synod—Totals.....	8	169	308	40094	32690	21265	1623	351	1640	1217	766	11	582	614	307	281½	4378	32863	35	\$ 43,407	\$217,143
Pittsburgh Synod.....	5	84	151	19509	15332	10146	1015	155	859	690	435	2	584	259	118	135	1746	13338	6	36,749	141,574
Eastern Synod.....	12	319	533	104188	83401	53278	5464	587	4650	3132	1738	2	1901	1001	1019	592	11172	86934	73	114,071	538,880
Ohio Synod.....	6	148	235	26096	21061	6678	707	534	1150	930	685	2	676	386	100	220	3228	24052	26	30,416	148,720
German Synod, North West.....	12	170	220	22536	15862	13941	1556	27	1042	878	359	12	378	315	169	185	1616	12385	22	26,016	99,707
German Synod, East.....	5	64	57	15599	12197	10890	1729	26	874	706	192	1	565	326	205	58	1126	12640	11	16,148	116,384
Central Synod.....	5	103	120	24659	15696	12622	1229	107	1028	780	225	2	645	312	155	108	1614	13572	20	18,104	107,530
Synod of Interior.....	5	58	65	3231	2620	1353	109	43	131	161	80	..	100	43	16	61	728	4481	4	6,195	266,631
Totals.....	58	1115	1689	255912	199359	130173	134321	1830	11374	8494	4390	32	5431	4158	2089	1640	25608	200305	198	\$284,106	\$1,396,569

The Woman's Missionary Society

—OF—

North Carolina Classis.

MINUTES OF THE SESSION OF 1903.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 1903, 2.30 P. M.

In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Frances Lippard, opened the the meeting of the Seventh Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Society of North Carolina Classis.

Devotional exercises consisted in singing "Take Time to Be Holy," reading the 19th Psalm, prayer, and singing "Trust and Obey."

A letter was read from our President, Miss Ida Hedrick, regretting her enforced absence from the meeting, and tendering her resignation as President. It was accepted and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Frances Lippard; Vice President, Mrs. C. C. Bost; Recording Secretary, Mrs. L. R. Whitener; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Daisy Fisher; Treasurer, Mrs. G. T. Crowell.

Minutes of last meeting read.

The following committees were appointed: Credentials, Miss Daisy Fisher and Mrs. J. C. Leonard; Courtesies, Mrs. G. T. Crowell and Mrs. R. P. Murphy; Literature, Mrs. C. C. Bost and Mrs. J. L. Murphy.

Reports were read from Shiloh, Bethany, St. Lukes, Concord,

and other Societies. They were interesting, and show that our members are gaining. The statistics will appear in our Corresponding Secretary's report.

The following persons paid 50 cents and were enrolled as members for the year: Mrs. Mabel Welker Coble, Miss Alice Long, Miss Mamie McNairy, Mrs. J. F. Abernethy, Mrs. C. H. Geitner and Mrs. C. C. Bost. The following are Life Members: Mrs. B. F. Davis, Mrs. L. R. Whitener, Miss Mollie Fetzner, Miss Ida Hedrick, Miss Frances Lippard, Miss Mary Moose.

The committee on credentials reported the following present: Delegates—Miss Lippard and Mrs. Crowell, Concord; Miss Daisy Fisher, Crescent; Mrs. R. P. Murphy, Thomasville; Mrs. L. R. Whitener, Mrs. C. C. Bost, Mrs. C. H. Geitner and Mrs. J. H. Aiken, Hickory; Ministers Wives, Mrs. J. C. Leonard and Mrs. J. L. Murphy. The following members of Corinth Ladies Aid Society were present and were admitted as advisory members: Mrs. Laura Lowe, Mrs. S. L. Whitener, Mrs. J. P. Cilley, Mrs. J. L. Lysterly.

Closed the meeting by singing number 197 and repeating the Lord's Prayer.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 9 A. M.

Meeting opened with devotional exercises. Scripture reading by the President and prayer by Miss Daisy Fisher.

Roll called and fifteen delegates and visitors responded. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and accepted.

Additional Committee on Finance was appointed: Mrs. G. T. Crowell and Mrs. J. F. Abernethy.

Miss Annie Moose, from Bethel, East Rowan, and Miss Emma Ingle, of Blowing Rock, were added to our roll of delegates, and Mrs. T. E. Field and Mrs. A. S. Abernethy, of Hickory, to the visiting members.

A letter was read from Miss Keane, Allentown, Pa., presenting the advantage of wearing the Zwingli Pin by members of our society. No official action was taken. All who desire the

pin can get them by writing to E. Keller & Sons, 711 Hamilton street, Allentown, Pa.

Another letter was read from Annie M. Blessing, President of the W. M. S. of Zion's Classis, urging the importance of the various Classical Societies within the Potomac Synod organizing a Synodical Society: the Synod at their meeting in Mechanicsburg, Pa., last October, having consented to such organization, and having passed a resolution commending the efforts the various Societies are making for the cause of missions. We were asked to send delegates to the re-union of the Synod at Pen Mar, July 16th, 1903.

At this point Mrs. Bost gave an interesting report of her attendance upon the meeting of the General Synod, in Baltimore, last May. She thought the importance of having a Synodical Society could not be overestimated.

It was moved and carried that we, instead of sending delegates to Pen Mar, invite the other Societies to send delegates to the meeting of Potomac Synod, in Salisbury, in October. In case they cannot come to Salisbury, Miss Frances Lippard is to represent the W. M. S. of N. C. Classis at Pen Mar.

Miss Frances Lippard, Mrs. C. H. Geitner and Mrs. L. R. Whitener were elected delegates to the meeting of Synod at Salisbury.

The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to answer this letter, telling Miss Blessing we are ready and anxious for such organization.

Reports were read from the Societies that had not previously been heard from, and quite a sum of money handed in from the different Treasuries.

It was decided that the offerings tonight besent to the Work in China.

Mrs. Whitener was asked to send account of our meeting to Woman's Journal and Corinthian, and Mrs. Bost to Messenger and Christian World.

Meeting adjourned.

THURSDAY 8 P. M.

The following program was given:

Anthem by Choir.

Invocation, Rev. Walter Rowe.

Scripture reading, President, Miss Lippard.

Prayer, Rev. C. B. Heller.

Hymn 132.

Address of Welcome, Mrs. C. C. Bost.

Response, Mrs. R. P. Murphy.

Recitation, "The Curse of Empty Hands," Margaret Bost.

Recitation, "Our Mission Band," Annie Link.

Vocal Solo, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," Mrs. J. L. Murphy.

Recitation, "Self Denial," May Lyerly.

Recitation, "Missionary Hymn," Mary Shuford.

Hymn 135.

Paper, "Opportunities," Miss Daisy Fisher.

Vocal Duett, Mesdames J. L. Murphy and C. C. Bost.

Annual Address, President.

Remarks on Missions, Rev. Walter Rowe.

Offerings. Hymn 133. Benediction.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 9 A. M.

Meeting opened with reading 115th Psalm and prayer by President.

Roll called. Sixteen present.

Miss Fannie Suter of Mt. Gilead was a new member. She gave report from their Society, and asked for information as to the best means of interesting our women, and securing a large attendance at the meetings. This brought forth a discussion in which some helpful suggestions were given.

Committee on Courtesies handed in the following:

Resolved, That this Society tender to Miss Hedrick an expression of our appreciation of her faithful services as President, and of our sorrow at her unavoidable absence at this meeting. We know that she has been with us in spirit, and that her prayers have aided us in our deliberations. We hope she can be at our next meeting.

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. K. C. Menzies we have lost a valuable member, and that we tender to the bereaved

husband and family our sympathy in this hour of our common bereavement.

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to the good people of Corinth Reformed Church for their generous hospitality so kindly bestowed on us the past few days.

MRS. G. T. CROWELL,
MRS. R. P. MURPHY, Com.

Committee on Finance reported about \$133.00 on hand.

Miss Daisy Fisher made a motion that we give something to the proposed Orphan's Home. After discussion it was thought that, just at present, the needs of our Missions in Japan and China were more pressing, and it would be better to aid them now. We all are interested in the Orphanage, and that will have our help later on.

It was decided that we send \$2.50 to the Mission Helper, as requested by General Synod.

For expenses of Cor. Secretary and Treasurer to the meeting, \$7.35; to help build the new church in Concord \$10.00.

Mrs. Crowell returned thanks for the same.

The offerings at the open meeting amounted to \$11.15, with an additional \$5.00 sent by Miss Hedrick. It was voted that we add \$7.85 to this amount, making \$25.00 for China. Miss Hedrick sent \$2.00 for re-building our Girls' School in Sendai. It was voted that we add \$48.00 to that, making \$50.00 for Japan. After reserving enough to pay for printing the Minutes, the Treasurer was instructed to put the remainder out at interest. Committee on Literature reported that ten copies of the Woman's Journal and about thirty of the Mission Helper are taken in the Classis. Both of these publications should be taken by every family in our church. One can not read these magazines carefully and not be helped and interested in church work and missions.

The report of Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 3 p. m. on Wednesday May 4th, 1904, at High Point, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,
ALICE WHITENER, Secy.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 29, 1903.

NAME OF SOCIETY.	NAME AND ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT.	MEMBER-SHIP.		CONTRIBUTIONS.						CONTRIBUTED BY BANDS.			LITERATURE.	
		Women's Societies.	Mission Bands.	Home Missions..	Foreign Missions..	Classical Society.	Other Purposes.	Total.	Missions.	Classical Society.	Total.	Woman's Journal.	Mission Helper.	
Bethel, Stanley Co.	Mrs. M. G. Lentz, Dry's Mills	22			\$12 50	\$10 00		\$22 50						
Bethany, U. Davidson	Miss Etta Dorsett, Bethany.	10					\$21 35	21 35						
Bethany	Miss Daisy Fisher, Crescent.	18	25	\$26 90	5 00	16 00	100 00	147 90				3		
Burlington			22		3 00	3 00	27 00	30 00	3 00		3 00	3		
Concord.	Miss Frances Ippard, Concord	21	20									6		
Corinth	Mrs. C. C. Bost, Hickory	18	15	5 00	21 90	9 00	113 00	148 90	4 00	2 00	6 00	3	10	
Faith, Salisbury,	Mrs. C. I. Emerson, Salisbury	8												
Grace, E. Rowan	Mrs. Riedesel, Rockwell	18				5 00		17 50						
Heidelberg	Miss Minnie Grimes, Thomasville	9		72 00	12 50	1 00		73 00						
New Gilead	Miss Joana Cline, Concord	11		4 00	10 00	4 40		18 40	*					
Pilgrim	Miss Ida Hedrick, Lexington	21		5 00	12 00	5 00		22 00		*				
Shiloh	Mrs. Alex Peeler, Faith	21		50 47		9 45		59 92	†	†				
St. Lukes	Mrs. Geo. Peeler, Peeler	13	15			4 00	6 20	10 20						
Ursinus	Mrs. Riedesel, Rockwell	11				3 00		3 00						

* No report. † Recently organized.

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Officers of the Classis:

PRESIDENT:	Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.....	Newton, N. C.
VICE-PRESIDENT:	Rev. J. H. Keller.....	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
STATED CLERK:	Rev. J. C. Leonard.....	Lexington, N. C.
COR. SECRETARY:	Rev. W. W. Rowe.....	Rockwell, N. C.
READING CLERK:	Rev. Shuford Peeler.....	Greensboro, N. C.
TREASURER:	Mr. M. J. Rowe.....	Newton, N. C.

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Acts and Proceedings

OF THE

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA

OF THE

Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF CLASSIS.

The Classis of North Carolina, Synod of the Potomac, Reformed Church in the United States, convened in the First Reformed Church, High Point, N. C., Wednesday, May 4th, A. D. 1904, at 8:00 o'clock P. M. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, from Heb. 12:1: "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." After the sermon the Holy Communion was celebrated. Classis was then constituted in form. The Stated Clerk called the provisional roll and a quorum was found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ministers: J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D., J. D. Andrew, H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy, J. H. Keller, W. B. Duttera, B. D., Ph. D., D. E. Bowers, W. W. Rowe, C. B. Heller, Shuford Peeler.

Elders: C. C. Burkhart, Lexington; J. C. Shepard, Burlington; J. E. Link, Upper Davidson; L. H. Moose, East Rowan; D. M. Klutz, New Gilead; J. M. Hedrick, High Point; J. T. Long, Thomasville; P. E. Campbell, Lincoln; J. W. Hedrick, Lower Davidson; J. R. Woods, Guilford.

The following members appeared at later sessions and took their seats: Thursday morning, Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., and S. W. Beck; Elders G. H. Geitner, Hickory; Charles H. A. Rupp, Lenoir; T. L. Hunsucker, Catawba; M. J. Rowe, Newton; J. C. Lippard, Concord. Thursday afternoon, Revs. Paul Barringer and J. L. Bowers; Elders John D. A. Fisher, Central Rowan; R. L. Whitener, Bethel; C. W. Yost, Greensboro.

The following charges were not represented by elders: Grace, West Rowan, Salisbury, Blowing Rock.

The following persons were admitted to seats as advisory members: Rev. Chas. E. Wehler, Classis of Philadelphia, Eastern Synod; Elders A. S. Faust and Thomas Riggins, High Point; E. A. Rothrock and P. J. Leonard, Lexington; J. A. Peeler, Central Rowan; L. L. Conrad, Upper Davidson.

The following visiting ministers were invited to seats in classis: Revs. E. L. Siler and I. N. Clegg, of the

Presbyterian Church; Rev. W. M. Bagby, of the M. E. Church; Rev. Eli Reece, of the Friends' Church; Rev. C. A. Cecil, of the M. P. Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing Classical year: Rev. J. C. Clapp, President; Rev. J. H. Keller, Vice-President; Rev. W. W. Rowe, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. Shuford Peeler, Reading Clerk; Mr. M. J. Rowe, Treasurer. Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with. The President defined the bar of the house to be the pews to the left and right of the pulpit and three in front. The following hours were fixed for opening and closing the sessions of classis: from 9 o'clock A. M. to 5 o'clock P. M., with a recess from 11:30 o'clock A. M. to 1:30 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following standing committees:

1. Religious Services: Revs. D. E. Bowers, P. M. Trexler and Elder J. M. Hedrick.
2. Minutes of Classis: Revs. J. C. Leonard, W. W. Rowe and Elder J. C. Shepard.

3. Minutes of Potomac Synod: Revs. Paul Barringer, Shuford Peeler and Elder P. E. Campbell.
4. Overtures: Revs. C. B. Heller, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elder L. H. Moose.
5. Examination and Licensure: Revs. P. M. Trexler, W. H. McNairy and Elder J. R. Woods.
6. Nominations: Revs. J. L. Bowers, Paul Barringer and Elder D. M. Klutz.
7. Finance: Revs. J. H. Keller, J. L. Murphy and Elder M. J. Rowe.
8. Education: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, W. H. McNairy and Elder G. H. Geitner.
9. Missions: Revs. J. D. Andrew, S. W. Beck and Elder J. C. Lippard.
10. Religion and Statistics: Revs. H. A. M. Hols-
houser, J. L. Bowers and Elder J. E. Link.
11. Press Reports: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. L. Bowers
and J. D. Andrew.
12. Orphans' Home: Revs. Paul Barringer, W. W.
Rowe and Elder J. D. A. Fisher.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Copies of the Minutes of Potomac Synod and of the Classis were referred to the proper standing committees.
2. The report of the Treasurer of Classis was read and referred to the Committee on Finance to audit.
3. The report of the President of the Trustees of Catawba College was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

4. The annual report of the Board of Home Missions was referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. The report of the Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home was read and referred to the Committee on Orphans' Home.

6. Various other communications were received and referred to the Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were opened and closed with proper religious services. The Committee on Religious Services offered the following report, which was received and adopted :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA :

Your Committee on Religious Services beg leave to make the following report :

Thursday, 8 o'clock P. M.: Home Missions.

The Work of the General Board. Rev. C. B. Heller.

Reformed Mission Work in the South. Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D.

Friday, 8 o'clock P. M.: Addresses by Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., on Catawba College, and Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., on the Early History of the Reformed Church in North Carolina.

Saturday, 8 o'clock P. M.: Foreign Missions.

Our Japan Mission. Rev. J. H. Keller.

Our China Mission. Rev. W. W. Rowe.

Sunday, 9:30 A. M.: Addresses by Mr. A. S. Peeler on the Relation of the Parents to the Sunday-School, and Rev. Shuford Peeler on the Teacher's Responsibility and Preparation.

Sunday afternoon: Addresses at Bethel Chapel by Rev. J. D. Andrew on "How to do Sunday-School Work in High Point,"

and Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D., on "The Congregation the Harvest of the Mission Sunday-School."

Sunday, May 8th: First Reformed Church, 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.; 7:45 o'clock P. M., Rev. Paul Barringer; South Main St. M. E. Church, 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. W. H. McNairy; 7:45 o'clock P. M., Rev. W. W. Rowe; First Presbyterian Church, 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. Chas. E. Wehler; 7:45 o'clock P. M., Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.; Green St. Baptist Church, 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. Paul Barringer; 7:45 o'clock P. M., Rev. Shuford Peeler; Welch Memorial M. P. Church, 3 o'clock P. M., Rev. S. W. Beck; Snow Memorial Presbyterian Church, 7:45 o'clock P. M., Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser; Friends' Church, 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. W. W. Rowe; 7:45 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. H. Keller; Washington St. M. E. Church, 11 o'clock A. M., Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.; 7:45 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.; First Baptist Church, 7:45 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D.; North Main St. M. P. Church, 7:45 o'clock P. M., Rev. J. D. Andrew; Bethel Chapel, 7:45 o'clock P. M., Rev. W. H. McNairy.

Closing services: Hymn, Rev. Shuford Peeler; Prayer, Rev. J. H. Keller; Creed and Lord's Prayer, by the Classis; Benediction by the President.

D. E. BOWERS,
P. M. TREXLER.

ARTICLE VIII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Reports were read by the several ministers of the Classis and were then referred to the Committee on Religion and Statistics. The constitutional questions were answered by the Elders. A part of Rev. Dr. W. B. Dutera's report reflecting on the moral character of some unnamed parties was referred to the following special committee: Revs. Paul Barringer, C. B. Heller and

J. M. L. Lyerly. To this same committee was referred that part of Rev. W. H. Causey's report in which statements of a personal nature were made. The committee reported on Saturday afternoon as follows :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA :

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee to whom was referred parts of the Parochial Reports of the Revs. Dr. W. B. Duttera and Wm. H. Causey, beg leave to report as follows: Inasmuch as the pastor of the Salisbury mission personally appeared before the committee and disclaimed any purpose or intention of personal reflection or references, *Resolved*, That we exonerate him of any wilful intent or purpose to reflect on the character of any member of Classis, and that his attention be directed to the final Resolution of this report.

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Elder from the Lower Davidson Charge has guaranteed the payment of certain arrearages on pastor's salary, Classis does not deem action necessary, and very much regrets the indiscretion of the young brother in incorporating in his parochial report matters of a personal and private character.

Resolved, That the attention of all the ministers be called to the fact that it is improper to incorporate in their parochial reports anything that is of a purely private and personal character.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER.
J. M. L. LYERLY,
C. B. HELLER.

The report was adopted.

The following resolution with reference to parochial reports was adopted :

Resolved, That the attention of the Brethren in writing their parochial reports be called to the Constitution of the Church, and that nothing be included in a report not comprehended by the Constitution.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS.

The Committee on Minutes of Classis reported as follows Thursday afternoon :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA :

Your Committee on Minutes of Classis beg leave to submit the following report :

1. Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, J. D. Andrew and J. L. Murphy were appointed to superintend church work conventions in the several districts of the Classis.

2. Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser was instructed to organize a congregation at Waughtown, if advisable, and take it under his pastoral care.

3. The interest of the Reformed Church at Granite Quarry was committed to Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly with instructions to organize a congregation, if advisable.

4. Revs. Paul Barringer and D. E. Bowers were appointed a Committee of Supply for the Guilford charge.

5. The Stated Clerk was instructed to return to Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio, for its indorsement, the certificate dismissing Rev. A. R. Holshouser to the Classis of North Carolina.

6. Revs. J. L. Murphy, C. B. Heller and Elder J. B. Leonard were appointed to make arrangements for the Spiritual Conference at Catawba College.

7. The term of Rev. J. H. Keller and Elder P. J. Leonard on the Executive Committee on Missions expires with this meeting of Classis.

8. Lenoir and Blowing Rock were placed under the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy with an appropriation of \$100.00.

9. The sum of \$100 was appropriated to the Lower Davidson Charge and a similar amount to Catawba Charge to supplement the salary of the pastors.

10. The sum of \$100 was appropriated to Bethany church, Davidson county, towards their new church, to be paid in two installments of \$50 each.

11. Rev. W. B. Duttera was appointed commissioner with instructions to secure the entire balance due on the \$400 pledged on the Salisbury church debt to be paid by outside friends.

12. Arrearages on Home Missions were noted as follows: Guilford Charge, \$32.40; East Rowan Charge, \$24.12; Upper Davidson Charge (Beulah Congregation,) \$22.00.

13. The Committee on Sunday-Schools consists of Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and H. A. M. Holshouser.

14. Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. D. Andrew and D. E. Bowers were appointed a Committee of Supply for the First Reformed Church of Greensboro.

15. Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and M. L. Hedrick were appointed to ordain Licentiate Wm. H. Causey and install him pastor of the Lower Davidson Charge.

16. Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. D. Andrew and D. E. Bowers were appointed to ordain Licentiate Shuford Peeler and install him pastor of the First Reformed Church of Greensboro.

17. Revs. Paul Barringer, J. H. Keller and C. H. Riedesel were appointed a committee of supply for the Concord Charge.

18. Rev. J. H. Keller was authorized to organize a congregation within the bounds of New Gilead Charge.

19. Revs. J. H. Keller, Paul Barringer and J. L. Bowers were appointed to install Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser pastor of the Concord Charge.

20. Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, J. M. L. Lyerly and Paul Barringer were appointed to install Rev. W. W. Rowe pastor of the East Rowan Charge.

21. Revs. J. C. Leonard, D. E. Bowers and M. L. Hedrick were appointed to install Rev. W. H. Causey pastor of the Upper Davidson Charge.

22. Revs. J. C. Leonard, W. H. Causey and D. E. Bowers were appointed a Committee of Supply for the Thomasville Charge.

23. Rev. W. H. Causey was appointed the Committee of Supply for the Lower Davidson Charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

W. W. ROWE.

J. C. SHEPARD.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows :

1. Satisfactory reports were made and adopted. The superintendents were re-elected.

2. Action on the item was deferred until Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser should appear to make his report. The report was not made.

3. The following report was received and adopted :

Early this year we organized a congregation at Granite Quarry, N. C., under the name of Granite Reformed Church, with 26 names on the roll.

J. M. L. LYERLY.

This congregation was incorporated with the Central Rowan Charge.

4. The following report was received and adopted :

The Guilford Charge was given two Sundays in the month for nine months.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER.

The interests of this charge were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. Paul Barringer, W. H. McNairy and Elder J. D. A. Fisher. Subsequently this

committee submitted the following report which was received and adopted :

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of formulating some action looking to the care and oversight of the Guilford Charge, do most respectfully report the following :

1st. That this work be placed in the hands of Student W. S. Clapp during his summer vacation. 2nd. That said charge be urged to secure the services of a regular pastor as early as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER.

JOHN D. A. FISHER.

5. The following report was received and adopted :

The Stated Clerk begs leave to report the duty duly attended to.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

6. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to arrange for a Spiritual Conference to be held at Newton, report as follows :

Inasmuch as "The Central Church-Workers' Convention" held at Mt. Zion immediately after the meeting of Classis—the same month—decided to hold a re-union at Crescent, in August, which re-union was practically the same in character as the one Classis had appointed a committee to arrange at Newton, your committee, believing it unwise for Classis to divide itself in this manner and attempt to hold two similar meetings at the same time, gracefully yielded the rights and privileges bestowed upon it by Classis, in favor of the meeting at Crescent.

Your committee further learns that at the Crescent meeting, held Aug. 28–30, 1903, a permanent organization, known as "The North Carolina Reformed Church Re-union," was effected

with officers selected from the different districts of the Classis, and believing that the multiplying of so many different organizations within the bounds of the Classis will not be productive of harmony and unity, recommends the following: *Resolved*, That Classis endorses the "North Carolina Reformed Church Re-union," and commends it to the people.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY.
C. B. HELLER,
J. B. LEONARD.

7. The Executive Committee on Missions was discontinued.

8. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom Lenoir and Blowing Rock were committed beg leave to report as follows: Lenoir was supplied until October 1, 1903, by Drs. Clapp and Trexler. On the 9th of August, a new church in Lenoir was dedicated under the name of Zion Reformed Church. The sermon was preached by Dr. Clapp and the building was dedicated by the Rev. J. L. Murphy. Rev. W. H. McNairy was commissioned by the Board of Missions to take effect October 1, 1903, and since that time the work at Blowing Rock and Lenoir has been under his care.

J. L. MURPHY.

9. The sum of \$100 was paid to the Catawba Charge. The Lower Davidson Charge received a proportional part according to the time of service rendered.

10. The remaining \$50 was referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment.

11. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CLASSIS:

DEAR BRETHREN:—As commissioner appointed at your last annual meeting to solicit funds for the balance due on the

\$1,200 note of Salisbury church, I would say that special efforts were made to collect the outstanding pledges, and that appeals were sent to churches in this State, resulting as follows: J. M. Peeler, \$15; Ladies' Aid Society, Maiden, \$5; Rev. A. C. Whitmer, \$10; New Gilead Congregation, Rev. Keller, Pastor, \$3.26; Mt. Pleasant, \$5.63. Total, \$38.89. I ask to be relieved from service longer in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. DUTTERA,
Commissioner.

Rev. W. H. McNairy was appointed commissioner with instructions to secure the entire balance due on the \$400 pledged on the Salisbury church debt to be paid by outside friends.

12. Adopted.

13. The following report was received and adopted:

Your Committee on Sunday-Schools beg leave to report as follows: Reports came into our hands from 36 Sunday-Schools showing an enrollment of 367 officers and teachers, 146 in the Home Department, 66 in the Cradle Roll, with a total enrollment in all departments of 4,063. This is an increase of 649 scholars during the year and shows a healthy growth.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,
J. L. MURPHY,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

The committee was re-elected.

14. The following report was received and adopted:

Your Committee of Supply for the First Reformed Church of Greensboro beg leave to report that they discharged the duties

imposed by Classis until a pastor was placed in the field.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
J. D. ANDREW,
D. E. BOWERS.

15. The following report was received and adopted :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS:—The committee appointed to ordain Licentiate Wm. H. Causey and install him pastor of the Lower Davidson Charge beg leave to report that they attended to that duty June 7th, 1903, at Hedrick's Grove Church, all the members of the committee taking part in the solemn services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
M. L. HEDRICK.

16. The following report was received and adopted :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS:—Your committee beg leave to report that they ordained Licentiate Shuford Peeler and installed him pastor of the First Reformed Church, of Greensboro, July 12th, 1903.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
J. D. ANDREW,
D. E. BOWERS.

17. The following report was received and adopted :

Your Committee of Supply for the Concord Charge beg leave to submit the following: We supplied the Concord Charge for two Lord's Days in the months of its vacancy until it secured a regular pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER.

18. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee has made arrangements to erect a church and organize a new congregation within the bounds of the New Gilead Charge, to be known as Keller Reformed Church. We have elected officers, but have not ordained them as yet; are erecting a church and hold services at that point twice a month.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. J. H. KELLER.

This church was incorporated with the New Gilead Charge.

19. The following report was received and adopted :

Your committee appointed to install Bro. Holshouser pastor of Trinity Church, Concord, N. C., performed that duty January 10, 1904.

REV. J. H. KELLER,
PAUL BARRINGER,
J. L. BOWERS.

20. The following report was received and adopted :

Rev. Walter W. Rowe was installed pastor of East Rowan Charge at Rockwell, January 31, 1904, by two members of the committee.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
PAUL BARRINGER.

21. The following report was received and adopted :

The committee to install Rev. W. H. Causey pastor of the Upper Davidson Charge beg leave to report that the duty was attended to January 31st, 1904, at Pilgrim Church.

J. C. LEONARD,
D. E. BOWERS,
M. L. HEDRICK.

22. The following report was received and adopted :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS:—Your Committee of Supply for the Thomasville Charge beg leave to report that they held occasional services in the several churches, and have also co-operated with the charge in repeated efforts to secure a pastor. With the assistance of Classis there is now hope of securing the services of a desirable shepherd. We recommend that the interests of the charge be referred to the Committee on Missions for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
D. E. BOWERS.

23. The following report was received and adopted :

As Committee of Supply for the Lower Davidson Charge since the 1st of January, 1904, I beg leave to report that I have not been able to give them any preaching. I had made arrangements with a minister in Pennsylvania to come down and preach a trial sermon, but he wrote me shortly afterwards that because of new developments he wished to be excused.

I have learned of no one else available. Consequently the charge remains without a pastor.

Respectfully,

W. H. CAUSEY.

Revs. Paul Barringer, J. C. Leonard and D. E. Bowers were appointed a Committee of Supply for the Lower Davidson Charge.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The Committee on Overtures presented the following report :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA :

DEAR BRETHREN :—Your Committee on Overtures beg leave to submit the following report :

The following communications have been placed into our hands for reference to your Reverend body :

1. Parochial Report of Rev. W. H. Stubblebine; his request to be excused from attending the annual sessions of Classis; and also a request to be dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia, Eastern Synod.

2. A request from Bethel Church, Blowing Rock, for aid to the amount of seventy-five dollars or more.

3. A communication from Rev. S. S. Miller, Treas., of the Ministerial Relief Society, asking Classis to make provision for the work by apportionment.

4. A request from New Gilead Charge asking aid to the amount of fifty dollars toward the completion of Keller Reformed Church.

5. A communication from the Greensboro Mission, asking Classis to come to the aid of the Mission with a donation of seven hundred dollars.

6. A communication from the First Reformed Church of Lexington requesting Classis to consider the advisability of commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the formation of Classis, by special services, arrangements for which to be made by a special committee appointed for the purpose, and also extending a cordial invitation to Classis to hold its seventy-fifth annual sessions in 1905, in the First Reformed Church of Lexington.

7. Notification of the reception of Licentiate Charles Warlick by Juniata Classis, Potomac Synod.

8. Report of Student Milton Whitener.

9. Notification of the reception of Rev. George A. Stauffer by the Lancaster Classis, Synod of Ohio.

10. An invitation to Classis to hold its next annual sessions in St. James Reformed Church, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

11. Report of Student W. S. Clapp and his request for Beneficiary aid for the next classical year, to the extent of fifty dollars.

12. Documents from the Stated Clerk of Wyoming Classis, containing an appeal to North Carolina Classis to aid the committee of Wyoming Classis in collecting the note held by Wyoming Classis against Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, and also the correspondence between the Stated Clerk of Wyoming Classis and Rev. W. H. Stubblebine.

13. A communication from the Joint Consistory of the Catawba Charge asking aid to the amount of one hundred dollars to supplement the pastor's salary.

14. A communication from the pastor of the East Rowan Charge asking Classis to grant him permission to organize a congregation within the bounds of the Charge.

15. A communication from St. Paul's congregation, Catawba Charge, asking Classis for aid to the extent of three hundred dollars towards cancelling the remaining debt of five hundred dollars on their new church.

16. A communication from Clarence Woods asking to be taken under the care of Classis as a Beneficiary Student for the ministry.

17. The report of Rev. John Ingle, in which he also asks to be excused from attendance upon the annual sessions of Classis.

18. The report of Rev. A. R. Holshouser in which he also asks to be excused for non-attendance upon the annual sessions of Classis.

19. A communication containing the report of Rev. Julius H. Shuford, and also his request to be excused for absence from the annual sessions of Classis.

20. A communication from Rev. W. B. Duttera requesting payment of bill for traveling expenses to special meeting of Classis at Newton, N. C.

21. A request from Rev. D. E. Bowers for permission to organize a congregation in High Point at his discretion.

22. A communication from Rev. W. B. Duttera relative to his publication of a history of the Reformed Church in North Carolina.

23. A communication from Rev. C. I. Morgan, pastor of the Lutheran church at Bessemer City, N. C., relative to a two-acre tract of land, deeded in 1814 to the "German Lutheran and German Reformed churches."

24. A communication from the Consistory of Bethel congregation, Catawba county, asking Classis to constitute said congregation a part of the Catawba Charge, provided certain conditions can be met.

25. A communication from the Guilford Charge asking Classis to supplement pastor's salary to the amount of one hundred dollars.

26. A communication from Rev. Paul Barringer tendering his resignation as Trustee of Catawba College.

27. The report of Rev. M. L. Hedrick and his request to be excused from attendance upon the annual sessions of Classis.

28. A request from Rev. W. H. Causey to be excused from attending the annual sessions of Classis.

29. A communication from the pastor of the Upper Davidson Charge expressing thanks for the aid afforded them during the past classical year.

30. A communication from the Consistory of Lower Davidson Charge asking the help of Classis in securing a pastor, and if a pastor can be secured, the Consistory asks Classis to aid them in his support to the extent of one hundred dollars.

31. A communication from the Lower Davidson Charge expressing thanks for aid given during the last classical year.

32. A communication from Rev. J. M. Lyster, Ph. D., tendering his resignation as Trustee of Catawba College, to take effect at once.

33. A request from the pastor of the First Reformed Church, Lexington, for permission to organize a Second Reformed congregation in East Lexington.

34. A communication from Rev. Chas. E. Wehler, Philadelphia Classis, acting as supply for Grace Church, Newton.

35. A call from the Lenoir Mission and a commission from the Mission Board to Rev. W. H. McNairy to become pastor of the Lenoir Mission. Respectfully submitted,

C. B. HELLER, Chm'n,
J. L. M. LYERLY,
LUTHER MOOSE.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows :

1. The parochial report was read and Rev. W. H. Stubblebine was excused for absence. Action on his request for dismission was deferred until item 12 of this report shall have been reached.

2. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

3. The attention of the pastors is called to the worthiness of the cause and they are requested to ask their people to contribute to the cause, if possible.

4. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

5. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

6. Action was deferred until Classis is ready to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting.

7, 8 and 9 were adopted.

10. Action was deferred until Classis is ready to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting.

11. Adopted and the request referred to the Board of Education.

12. Referred to a special committee consisting of Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, W. H. McNairy and Elder G. H. Geitner. Rev. W. H. Stubblebine's request to be dismissed to the Classis of Philadelphia, Eastern Synod, was referred to this same committee. At the Saturday afternoon session the committee submitted the following report which was received and adopted :

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The committee to whom were referred items 1 and 12 of the report on Overtures beg leave to report as follows: We find that Rev. Dr. W. H. Stubblebine has neither denied nor declined the claim; and as he is not now at work in this Classis we see no way in which we can assist the Wyoming Classis to collect it. Having the assurance that the matter of the Wyoming Classis will be satisfactorily settled, we recommend that when the Stated Clerk has received notice from the Treasurer of the Wyoming Classis that the matter is settled, he be authorized to issue to the Rev. W. H. Stubblebine a letter of dismissal to the Classis of Philadelphia.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
W. H. MCNAIRY,
G. H. GEITNER.

13. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

14. Rev. W. W. Rowe was authorized to canvass the field and report to Classis.

15. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

16. Mr. Clarence Woods was received under the care of Classis as a student for the ministry and he was referred to the Board of Education.

17. The report was read and the request granted.

18. The report was read and the request granted.

19. The report was read and the request granted.

20. The parties in whose interest the special meeting of Classis was called were directed to pay their proportional part of the bill to the Stated Clerk, and the Stated Clerk was directed to pay the amount over to Rev. W. B. Duttera, Ph. D.

21. Rev. D. E. Bowers was authorized to organize a congregation in the section of High Point designated.

22. The following plan was adopted by the Classis for editing and publishing a history of the Reformed Church in North Carolina :

Whereas, It is desirable to have a history of the Classis which shall be as full and complete as possible, and

Whereas, It is necessary in order to have this that diligent research and careful investigation be made, and it is evident that this can be accomplished best by uniting all the forces and resources at hand, therefore

Resolved, That this work be committed to the following committee: Rev. Jacob C. Clapp, D. D., Editor-in-Chief; Rev. Jacob C. Leonard, B. D., Assistant to the Editor-in-Chief; Rev. John A. Foil, Ph. D., Rev. Paul Barringer, Rev. Calvin B. Heller and Rev. Joseph L. Murphy, D. D., Associate Editors.

Resolved, That Rev. William B. Duttera, B. D., Ph. D., be constituted the Business Manager.

Resolved, That the editor-in-chief and his assistant shall review all manuscript prepared for the book, and that they, in conjunction with the business manager, shall submit to the Classis, either in annual or special session, a report of their work, and the plan of their work, and that no contract for printing shall be made until Classis shall have approved the report of the editor-in-chief, his assistant, and the business manager.

Resolved, That all money accruing from the sale of the book above the cost of publishing shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer of Classis and shall be used to assist mission charges within the bounds of Classis.

23. The whole matter was put in the hands of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

24. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

25. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

26. The Classis respectfully declines to accept the resignation.

27. The report was read and the request granted.

28. The request was granted.

29. Adopted.

30. Referred to the Committee on Missions.

31. Adopted.

32. The Classis respectfully declines to accept the resignation.

33. Rev. J. C. Leonard was authorized to organize the said congregation.

34. Adopted.

35. The call was confirmed and Revs. Drs. J. L. Murphy, P. M. Trexler and J. A. Foil were appointed to install Rev. W. H. McNairy pastor of the Lenoir Mission.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD.

During the Friday afternoon session an election was held for delegates to the Synod of the Potomac. In the

election of ministerial delegates the tellers were Elders J. C. Lippard and L. H. Moose; in the election of lay delegates the tellers were Revs. W. W. Rowe and S. W. Beck. The following ministers and elders were elected:

MINISTERS—*Primarii*: Joseph L. Murphy, D. D., Jacob C. Leonard, Calvin B. Heller, James D. Andrew, J. M. Luther Lyerly, Ph. D., Jacob C. Clapp, D. D., John H. Keller. *Secundi*: Wm. H. McNairy, Harvey A. M. Holshouser, David E. Bowers, Peter M. Trexler, D. D., Walter W. Rowe, Samuel W. Beck, William B. Duttera, B. D., Ph. D.

ELDERS—*Primarii*: M. J. Rowe, G. H. Geitner, C. H. A. Rupp, J. C. Lippard, T. L. Hunsucker, J. R. Woods, L. H. Moose. *Secundi*: J. D. A. Fisher, C. C. Burk-nart, J. M. Hedrick, P. E. Campbell, J. C. Shepard, R. L. Whitener, D. M. Klutz.

It was decided by Classis that half the expenses of two ministers and two elders should be paid.

ARTICLE XII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The Committee on the Minutes of Synod presented their report Friday afternoon, as follows:

Your Committee on the Minutes of Synod beg leave to submit the following report:

1. The following delegates were present at the last meeting of Synod: Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. D. Andrew, J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D., J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser, S. W. Beck, C. B. Heller, J. H. Keller, P. Barringer, Elders P. J. Leonard, J. B. Leonard, J. R. Fisher, G. H. Peeler.

2. Classes failing to assume all apportionments sent down by Synod are urged to assume such apportionments in full.

3. The Classes are instructed by Synod to hold educational meetings at which the education of women shall be discussed, and the claims of our institutions of learning shall be presented.

4. The several Classes are urged to pay in full their apportionment for Catawba College.

5. The Classes are to instruct pastors to preach one special sermon emphasizing the claims of our church upon young men for the Christian ministry.

6. The Classes are to instruct the pastors that the apportionment for beneficiary education is to be paid early in the year.

7. Missions. (*a*) The Classes are most earnestly urged to a prayerful and earnest support of missions. (*b*) The Synod urges Classes to raise the apportionment in full. (*c*) The plan of the Board concerning the six cents per member for church building is recommended to the Classes and congregations.

8. Synod apportions to Classis the following amounts: (*a*) Home Missions, \$700; (*b*) Foreign Missions, \$500; (*c*) Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, \$117; (*d*) Work among Germans, \$37; (*e*) Harbor Missions, \$14; (*f*) Theological Seminary, \$101; (*g*) Potomac Synod Contingent, \$65; (*h*) Beneficiary Education, \$117; (*i*) Catawba College, \$90; (*j*) Interest on \$5,000, \$25.

9. Sunday-Schools. The Classes receive certain recommendations concerning the pastoral oversight of Sunday-Schools: (*a*) That the action of Synod be brought to the attention of superintendents and teachers; (*b*) The necessity of procuring full and complete statistical reports, and that the same be reported to Synod.

10. Synod fixes the ratio of representation of the Classes on the basis of one minister and one elder for every four ordained ministers enrolled at the time, and fractional part thereof, instead of one minister and one elder for every three ordained ministers, and fractional part thereof, as heretofore.

11. Subscribers to the Messenger. (*a*) Synod requests that all ministers of this Synod preach a sermon on January 17, 1904, on the value and importance of the paper. (*b*) The Classes are to ascertain from the pastor and elder of each Charge the number of subscribers to the Messenger in the Charge.

12. Synod commends Bethany and St. Paul's Orphan Homes to the earnest prayers and more liberal support of the Classes, pastors, consistories and people.

13. Synod will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Everett, Pa., Wednesday, October 26, A. D. 1904, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

PAUL BARRINGER,
SHUFORD PEELER,
P. E. CAMPBELL.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. Adopted.

2. Adopted.

3. Adopted. Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, D. E. Bowers and S. W. Beck were appointed to arrange for the meetings.

4. Adopted.

5. Adopted. The third Sunday in September was designated as a day for each pastor to preach on the subject of beneficiary education and take an offering for the cause.

6. Adopted.

7. (*a*), (*b*) and (*c*) were adopted.

8. (*a*) Assumed; (*b*) Assumed; (*c*) Not assumed; (*d*) Not assumed; (*e*) Assumed; (*f*) \$25 Assumed;

(*g*) Assumed; (*h*) \$100 already assumed; (*i*) Assumed; (*j*) Assumed.

9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 were severally adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions submitted its report Saturday morning. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report that the following items came before us for consideration:

1. An overture from the Consistory of Bethel Church asking to be connected with the Catawba Charge.

We recommend that the matter be referred to a committee consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy, S. W. Beck and C. B. Heller to be investigated in connection with the interests of the Catawba Charge.

2. An overture from the Joint Consistory of the Catawba Charge asking for \$100 to supplement the pastor's salary.

We recommend that the request be granted.

3. An overture from the Consistory of St. Paul's congregation at Starrtown, asking a gift of \$300 in three equal annual installments to aid in paying the debt of \$500 on their new church.

We recommend the following: That in view of the supplement given on the pastor's salary the request be not granted.

4. An overture from the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Greensboro, asking a gift of \$700 without interest.

We recommend that this amount be borrowed by the Classis and apportioned in four installments as follows: \$200 in

1905, \$200 in 1906, \$200 in 1907, and \$100 in 1908, with the understanding that the Mission pay the interest.

5. An overture from the Guilford Charge asking aid to the amount of \$100 for pastor's salary.

We recommend that this amount be given provided they secure a regular pastor.

We recommend further that this Charge be committed to the care of Rev. Paul Barringer for the next Classical year.

6. The report of Rev. J. C. Leonard, Committee of Supply for the Thomasville Charge. From a verbal statement by the Committee of Supply we learn that a desirable pastor can be secured for this charge for \$600 per annum, and that just \$25 is lacking.

We recommend that Classis give the amount provided the pastor can be secured.

7. An overture from the Lower Davidson Charge asking for \$100 for salary for one year provided a regular pastor be secured.

We recommend that the request be granted.

8. An overture from the building committee of Keller Reformed Church asking a gift of \$50 for their building fund.

We recommend the following: *Resolved*, That we express our great pleasure at what the Keller Church has already done and intends to do, but we do not see our way clear to grant the request.

9. A communication from Rev. S. S. Miller, Treas., of the Ministerial Relief Society, asking that provision be made by this Classis for the support of this Society.

We recommend that the Society and its work be commended to our people.

10. The report of the Board of Home Missions.

We rejoice at the evidences of the prosperity of the work in the home field during the year, as shown by this report. We note that the Board urges the Sunday-Schools to observe Home Missionary Day, taking special offerings for Home Missions. This we most heartily commend to all our schools. We recommend further that all apportionments in this Classis for Home Missions be paid in full. We also recommend that the pastors of the missions in North Carolina use every legitimate means to build up their congregations, and at the same time be on the lookout for new points. Lastly, we recommend that the attention of the members of the Reformed Church in this Classis be called to Article 130 of the Constitution of our church, which reads as follows: "Members of the church removing from the bounds of one congregation to those of another shall obtain a certificate of membership and dismission, and connect themselves at the earliest opportunity with the congregation to whose bounds they have removed."

11. An overture from Mt. Bethel congregation, Blowing Rock, asking for aid to the amount of \$75.

We recommend that the amount of \$50 be granted, and that the work at Blowing Rock be placed under the care of Rev. W. H. McNairy.

J. D. ANDREW,
S. W. BECK,
J. C. LIPPARD.

The report was considered item by item, the items severally adopted, and the report finally adopted as a whole.

In connection with the consideration of this report the following resolutions were offered and adopted :

Whereas, The Reformed Church is at present challenged to enter many new towns in North Carolina and establish missions, and

Whereas, The present is the opportune time to inaugurate this work, therefore

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina hails with delight the open door for mission work within her bounds, and calls upon all her people to make liberal offerings for mission work, both in contributions for the support of missionary pastors and to assist in building churches.

Resolved, That the attention of the Board of Missions be called to the inviting field offered by the growing towns and cities of North Carolina for the planting of missions, and that the Board be asked to give favorable consideration to these points in its new enrollments.

Resolved, That, because of the necessity of immediate action, committees be appointed to canvass the towns of Gibsonville, Waughtown, Spencer, Granite Quarry, Landis, Charlotte, Gastonia, and Lincolnton.

Resolved, That the pastors in Burlington, Greensboro, Thomasville, Salisbury, High Point, Lexington, Concord, Newton and Hickory be instructed to canvass the new parts of their respective towns with a view of organizing new work, and if they find that the situation justifies they are hereby instructed to organize Sunday-Schools in such sections of these towns as give promise of the organization of Reformed Churches.

The following persons were appointed to look after the interests in the places named: Gibsonville, Rev. J. D. Andrew; Waughtown, Rev. W. H. Causey; Spencer, Rev. W. B. Duttera; Granite Quarry, Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly; Landis, Rev. J. L. Bowers; Charlotte, Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser; Gastonia and Lincolnton, Rev. C. B. Heller.

ARTICLE XIV.

NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations submitted its report Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted, as follows :

Your Committee on Nominations recommend the re-election of Elder M. J. Rowe as Treasurer of Classis. We further recommend the election of the following persons nominated by the Synod of the Potomac as Trustees of Catawba College for a term of three years: Rev. J. C. Leonard, Rev. C. B. Heller, Messrs. L. R. Whitener, J. C. Lippard, L. Everhart and M. J. Rowe.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BOWERS,

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

ARTICLE XV.

RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

The Committee on Religion and Statistics submitted their report Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted as follows :

DEAR BRETHREN:—It is with a deep sense of gratitude to Almighty God that we note, from parochial and statistical reports, the progress made by our beloved Zion during the past year.

It is very gratifying to note so many new places that are looking forward to the time when they shall have a church home of their own faith.

There was one new congregation added to our number during the past year, and also an increase of 105 communicant members. There was an increase of \$3039 for congregational purposes. 58 names were erased this year as against 76 for the preceding

year. There were 35 deaths of communicant members as against 51 for last year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. BOWERS,
H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER,
J. E. LINK.

The statistics will be found in the appendix.

ARTICLE XVI.

TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Friday afternoon Classis entered upon the selection of the time and place of the next annual meeting. Items 6 and 10 of the report on Overtures were at the same time considered. The invitation from St. James Reformed Church, Mt. Pleasant, was withdrawn. The letter was read from the Consistory of the First Reformed Church of Lexington requesting Classis to consider the advisability of commemorating the seventy-fifth annual meeting with proper services held in celebration of the event during the sessions of the year 1905, and extending an invitation to the Classis to hold the seventy-fifth annual meeting in the First Reformed Church of Lexington. The Classis took the following action: *Resolved*, That proper anniversary services shall be held in connection with the seventy-fifth annual meeting of Classis, commemorating the organization of Classis and that a committee be appointed to make all necessary arrangements, the said committee to consist of the following named officers of Classis: Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., Rev. J. C. Leonard and Elder M. J. Rowe.

Resolved, That we accept the invitation of the First Reformed Church of Lexington to hold the seventy-fifth an-

nual meeting of Classis in their church, and that the time be Wednesday May 3, A. D. 1905, at 8 o'clock P. M.

ARTICLE XVII.

EDUCATION.

The President of the Trustees of Catawba College read his report Friday morning, and it was referred to the Committee on Education. It is as follows :

FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—Since the College passed from the care of the Classis to the care of the Synod of the Potomac it is not incumbent upon the Trustees to make a report to your reverend body, but it is a privilege to do so and one that is in every way proper. It is not easy to comprehend in a report like this statements which will convey the true condition and working of the institution. Certain facts would indicate that the school is in a more prosperous condition than it really is. The enrollment of students during the present scholastic year has been most encouraging. The following is the number of students which have been enrolled since last September: Primary Department, 29; Business Department, 30; Collegiate Department, 52; Academic Department, 111; Music Department, 22; making a total of 244. It is possible that the students in the Business and Music Departments are numbered in the other departments also; if this be true, then still there would be an attendance of 192.

The school experienced some difficulty in securing teachers for the past year, or rather a difficulty in holding those that had been secured. Prof. W. W. Chandler, teacher in English, resigned to accept a position in Ursinus College, Pennsylvania. Rev. H. L. Beam, of Dakota, Illinois, was elected to fill the place of Prof. Chandler, with the understanding that he begin his work on October 1, 1903. Later he informed the Board that he could not enter upon the work before January 1, 1904, and later still he informed the Board that he could not enter

upon it all. In the meantime the financial agent, Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., had been called from the field to teach in the school until a regular teacher could be employed. Prof. B. W. Allen was employed to teach during the spring term. A few months ago the Trustees were called upon suddenly to accept the resignation of Miss Irma Whitmore. She has since married. Mrs. D. J. Carpenter has been employed to fill out the unexpired term of Miss Whitmore. The Faculty as it is at the close of the year is as follows: C. H. Mebane, W. R. Weaver, J. B. Leonard, B. W. Allen, Mrs. D. J. Carpenter, Miss Bertha Herman, Miss Rosa Rowe and Mrs. Belle Cecil, Matron.

Agreeably to the instructions given by Classis one year ago, the Trustees placed an agent in the field with a view of raising \$5,000 with which to place new buildings on the grounds. Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., has been secured to do this work. Owing to the fact that he had to teach, as stated above, a part of the year, he has not canvassed the entire Classis. The following charges have been canvassed: East Rowan, West Rowan, Central Rowan, Concord, Guilford, Alamance, Greensboro, New Gilead, Lincoln, Bethel, Conover, part of Hickory and part of Newton. The amount secured is \$3,578.40. \$300 of this amount is for endowment and cannot be applied for building purposes.

The Trustees instead of appointing an agent as directed by the Classis for the purpose of raising the remainder of the \$17,000 due by the Synod of the Potomac to the school, asked the Synod to take up this part of the work. This Synod did. A committee consisting of Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, D. D., Rev. Geo. A. Snyder and Elder J. A. Diehl was appointed, who in conjunction with the Board of Trustees would employ such an agent. The Rev. G. A. Snyder, of Hagerstown, Maryland, has undertaken the work and reports about \$2,000 pledged, with the outlook promising.

A gift of \$15,000 from a friend was made the College during the year. This gift is for the purpose of establishing a Theological Department in connection with the school. The dona-

tion is in the shape of certificates of paid up stock in the Calvert Building and Loan Association of Baltimore, Md. Provision is made that until this department shall have been established the interest accruing from the \$15,000 shall be used within the bounds of the Classis of North Carolina to assist in the mission work.

The election of a permanent President has been a question with which the Trustees have been confronted annually for several years. At the last annual meeting action was taken setting a day and an hour at the annual meeting in 1904, when a President should be elected. This was thought by some to be putting this important matter off too long, and at a special meeting of the Board called to meet in Newton, in October, 1903, it was decided to make an election for the Presidency subject to the ratification of the Trustees at the annual meeting.

Acting President Charles H. Mebane having signified his intention to retire from the school after the present year, the Trustees began to cast around for a suitable person. At a special meeting held in Newton, on December 9, 1903, the Rev. George Albert Snyder, A. M., was selected to fill that position. The action taken at this meeting will have to be confirmed at the annual meeting in order to comply with the requirements of the charter of the College.

Rev. Mr. Snyder has not formally accepted, and cannot do so until the selection has been ratified at the annual meeting; yet the Board is encouraged to believe that he will accept the Presidency.

The Synod of the Potomac at the annual meeting held in Salisbury named the following as trustees of the institution, viz.: Revs. J. C. Leonard, C. B. Heller, and Messrs. M. J. Rowe, L. R. Whitener, J. C. Lippard, and L. Everhart. It is the duty of this Classis to confirm these nominations.

Some improvements have been made during the year. A new roof has been placed on the old building. A lot of land in front of the college has been purchased. Plans for greater and more

permanent improvements have been discussed and some of these have been inaugurated, but not matured sufficiently to report to this body. At this time it cannot be told what the financial condition at the end of the present school year will be, but the report to Synod showed the College indebtedness to be about \$4,000, and it will hardly be less at the end of the present scholastic year. Contracts with teachers were made upon the supposition of getting \$900 annually from the Synod of the Potomac. This has not been realized. Hence the deficiency arising from year to year. "Making bricks without straw" is a craft upon which the Egyptian slaves do not have the entire monopoly. The Trustees of the school might be able to give lessons in the same art.

No cases of discipline have been reported to the Trustees and it is taken for granted that the order of the student body has been good. The Trustees have held three special meetings during the year, while the meetings of the Board of Directors have been numerous. Catawba College is the one institution of the Church around which the Classis of North Carolina should rally. At this time there is great need of the moral and financial support of every member of the Reformed Church in the State.

There is no graduating class this year, but public exercises will be held May 19, at which time addresses will be made by Dr. C. D. McIver and Rev. George A. Snyder, President-elect.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY,
President Board of Trustees.

The Board of Education submitted its report Friday afternoon. As adopted it follows:

The Board of Education reports that Milton Whitener, a student of Theology at the Seminary at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and William S. Clapp, a student at the Ursinus School of Theology, Philadelphia, have been aided by the Board to the

extent of \$50 each. These young men have finished the first year in their Theological studies and will have two more years to complete the course.

Other applicants have applied for aid and the Board recommends that the apportionment for Beneficiary Education be \$100.

J. L. MURPHY,
J. C. CLAPP,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
S. T. WILFONG,
M. J. ROWE.

The Committee on Education submitted their report on Saturday morning. As adopted it follows:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Education offers the following report:

From the copy of the catalogue of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., we learn with pleasure of the continued prosperity of that institution, and would recommend the institution to the sympathy and support of our people.

With reference to the report of the President of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College, we would recommend that it be incorporated in the Minutes of Classis. We also recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Classis learns with pleasure of the gift of \$15,000, and expresses its thanks to the donor.

Resolved, That the action of Classis at Hickory last year relative to the securing of \$5,000 for building purposes having been so nearly realized in the raising of that amount, we would urge the continuance of the canvass until the said amount has been fully realized.

Resolved, That the doubt of securing the above amount having been removed, we urge the Trustees to proceed to carry out the

wish of Classis in the improvement and enlarging of the buildings.

Resolved, That we are greatly pleased with the increased number of students, the excellent discipline maintained, and the other encouraging features connected with the institution, and that Catawba College be commended anew to the prayers and support of our people.

Resolved, That in view of the fact that the College is in debt, owing to certain contingencies, the Classis would urge upon the Trustees not to allow an increase thereof, but to take such action as would tend to liquidate the present indebtedness as speedily as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,
W. H. McNAIRY,
G. H. GEITNER.

ARTICLE XVIII.

FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance reported on Saturday afternoon. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to make the following report:

Having examined the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with the same, we find it correct and recommend its adoption.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

I beg leave to make my annual report for the year 1903-1904, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

CHARGES	Contingent Fund	Church Building	Beneficiary Education	Theological Seminary	Catawba College	Home Missions
Balance in Treasury.....	\$30.24	\$125.00	\$7.00	\$25.00	.....	\$234.48
Guilford.....	14.00	15.00	6.00	1.50	\$ 5.40	17.60
Burlington.....	13.00	13.75	5.50	1.40	5.00	55.00
Hickory.....	16.50	17.50	7.00	1.75	6.25	70.00
Central Rowan.....	10.50	11.25	4.50	1.15	4.00	50.00
West Rowan.....	13.00	13.75	5.50	1.40	5.00	55.00
East Rowan.....	15.25	16.25	6.50	1.60	5.90	73.00
Lincoln.....	23.50	25.00	10.00	2.50	9.00	100.00
Thomasville.....	11.75	12.50	5.00	1.25	1.50	7.37
Upper Davidson.....	28.00	30.00	12.00	3.00	10.75	101.01
Lower Davidson.....	13.00	13.75	5.50	1.40	5.00	22.06
Catawba.....	10.50	11.25	4.50	1.15	4.00	45.00
Newton.....	14.00	15.00	6.00	1.50	5.50	60.00
New Gilead.....	20.00	21.25	8.50	2.15	7.60	85.00
Concord.....	6.50	6.90	2.75	.70	2.50	27.50
Salisbury.....	3.00	3.15	1.25	.35	1.15	12.50
Lenoir.....	1.20	1.25	.50	.15	.50	5.00
Mt. Bethel.....	1.20	1.25	.50	.15	.50	5.00
Lexington.....	8.25	9.75	3.50	.90	3.25	35.00
High Point.....	3.50	3.75	1.50	.40	1.25	15.00
Grace.....	4.10	4.40	1.75	.45	1.55	17.50
Bethel.....	4.10	4.40	1.75	.45	1.55	8.50
W. C. M. Society.....	6.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Interest paid by Lexington Mission..	19.44	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	\$290.53	\$376.10	\$107.00	\$50.30	\$90.15	\$1,101.52

SPECIAL FUNDS.

Grace Sunday School, Newton, Children's Day.....	\$ 9 70
First Reformed Sunday School, Lexington, Children's Day.....	3 73
Grace Sunday School, Newton, for St. Paul's Orphan's Home	6 95
Rev. H. E. Sechler, for Hoy School Building in China...	25 00
Mt. Hope Sunday School, Guilford Charge.....	4 50
Total.....	\$ 49 88

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

Balance in Treasury, 1903.....	\$ 82 10
Grace Reformed Sunday School, Newton.....	8 00
Rev. H. E. Sechler, for Student in Sendai.....	40 00

First Reformed Church, Lexington.....	12 76
Grace Reformed Church, Newton.....	31 76
Bear Creek Sunday School, East Rowan Charge.....	42 12
Bear Creek Sunday School, East Rowan Charge, for Bible Woman in Japan.....	50 00
Grace Reformed Church, East Rowan Charge.....	40 53
Trinity Church, Catawba Charge.....	4 10
Corinth Reformed Church, Hickory.....	46 52
Faith Church, Salisbury.....	6 00
First Reformed Church, High Point.....	2 80
New Gilead Charge.....	4 02
Lenoir Mission.....	4 00
Mt. Bethel Mission.....	1 00
Burlington Charge.....	10 35
Mt. Pleasant Congregation, New Gilead Charge.....	5 62
Central Rowan Charge.....	26 04
Upper Davidson Charge.....	19 50
Total	\$ 437 22

ORPHAN HOME FUND.

Balance in Treasury, 1903.....\$ 21 26

Private Subscription to Salisbury Mission :

Balance in Treasury, 1903.....	\$ 15 00
Rev. J. D. Andrew.....	10 00
J. W. Peeler, per Dr. W. B. Duttera.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Maiden, per W. B. Duttera.....	5 00
Dr. W. B. Duttera.	10 00
New Gilead Congregation, per Dr. W. B. Duttera.....	3 26
Rev. A. C. Whitmer, per Dr. W. B. Duttera.....	10 00
Mt. Pleasant Congregation, per Dr. W. B. Duttera	5 63
M. J. Rowe.....	5 00
Total	\$ 68 89

Home Mission Arrearages :

Upper Davidson Charge, Beulah Congregation.....	\$ 22 00
East Rowan Charge.....	24 12
Total	\$ 46 12

Recapitulation of Funds :

Contingent.....	\$ 290 53
Church Building.....	376 10
Beneficiary Eduaction.....	107 00
Theological Seminary.....	50 30
Catawba College.....	90 15
Home Missions.....	1,147 60
Special Funds.....	49 88
Foreign Missions.....	437 22
Orphan's Home.....	21 26
Private Subscriptions to Salisbury Mission.....	68 89

DISBURSEMENTS.**Paid Out of Contingent Fund :**

Minutes of Classis.....	\$ 57 33
Stated Clerk's Salary and Expenses.....	40 12
Interest at Shuford's Bank.....	21 47
Interest Lexington Note	19 44
Dr. J. L. Murphy, part Expenses to Synod.....	8 95
George N. Forney, Treas., Potomac Synod Contingent,	45 00
George N. Forney, Treas., General Synod Contingent...	40 00
Treasurer's Salary and Expenses.....	13 55
Rev. J. M. L. Lyrely, part Expenses to Synod.....	8 95
Total	\$ 254 81
Balance in Treasury.....	35 72

Paid Out of Church Building Fund :

John J. Nissley, Salisbury Debt.....	\$ 100 00
Upper Davidson Charge, Bethany Congregation.....	50 00

Burlington Church.....	100 00
Lexington Church Loan.....	100 00
Total	\$ 350 00
Balance in Treasury.....	26 10

Paid Out of Beneficiary Education Fund:

W. S. Clapp, Theological Student.....	\$50 00
Milton Whitener, Theological Student.....	50 00
Total.....	\$100 00
Balance in Treasury.....	7 00

Paid Out of Theological Seminary Fund:

John B. Roth, Treasurer.....	\$25 00
Balance in Treasury.....	25 30

Paid Out of Catawba College Fund:

George N. Forney, Treasurer.....	\$90 00
Balance in Treasury.....	0 15

Paid Out of Home Mission Fund:

John J. Nissley, Treasurer.....	\$534 48
Dr. J. L. Murphy, Mt. Bethel Mission.....	10 00
Rev. W. H. McNairy, Mt. Bethel Mission.....	29 16
Rev. W. H. McNairy, Lenoir Mission	29 16
Dr. J. L. Murphy, Lenoir Mission.....	20 84
Rev. S. W. Beck, Catawba Charge.....	100 00
Rev. W. H. Causey, Lower Davidson Charge.....	58 33
Total.....	\$781 97
Balance in Treasury.....	365 67

Paid Out of Salisbury Private Subscription Fund:

John J. Nissley, Treasurer	\$68 89
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Paid Out of Orphan's Home Fund:

John H. Moose, Treasurer.....	\$21 26
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Paid Out of Special Funds:

Dr. J. H. Bomberger, Treas. S. S. Board.....	\$13 43
Treasurer St. Paul's Orphan Home.....	6 95
Dr. A. R. Bartholomew, for School Building in China...	25 00
Total	<u>\$45 38</u>

Balance in Treasury.....	4 50
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Paid Out of Foreign Mission Fund:

Dr. Joseph L. Lemberger, Treas.....	\$386 06
Balance in Treasury.....	51 16

Outstanding Indebtedness:

Borrowed for the Lenoir Mission.....	\$300 00
Due on High Point Mission.....	400 00
Due on Lexington Mission.....	225 00

Arrearages on Home Missions:

Guilford Charge.....	\$42 40
Thomasville Charge.....	42 63
Upper Davidson Charge.....	5 99
Lower Davidson Charge.....	32 94
Bethel Charge.....	9 00

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. ROWE, Treasurer.

We recommend the following apportionments:

APPORTIONMENTS.

CHARGES	Contingent Fund	Church Building	Beneficiary Education	Catawba College	Foreign Missions	Theological Seminary	Home Missions	Harbor Missions
Hickory	\$ 16.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 7.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 1.75	\$ 80.00	\$ 2.00
Guilford	13.00	15.00	6.00	5.00	30.00	1.50	60.00	1.50
Central Rowan....	10.00	11.25	4.50	4.00	22.50	1.25	55.00	1.25
West Rowan	12.50	13.75	5.50	5.00	27.50	1.50	60.00	1.50
East Rowan	15.00	16.25	6.50	5.90	32.50	1.50	80.00	1.75
Lincoln	23.00	25.00	10.00	9.00	50.00	2.50	110.00	2.50
Newton	13.50	15.00	6.00	5.50	30.00	1.50	65.00	1.50
New Gilead	19.50	21.00	8.50	7.50	42.50	2.00	90.00	2.00
Salisbury	2.75	3.50	1.50	1.25	7.50	.50	17.50	.50
Lexington	8.00	10.00	3.50	3.50	17.50	1.00	40.00	1.00
Burlington	12.50	13.75	5.50	5.00	27.50	1.50	60.00	1.50
Lower Davidson...	12.00	13.00	5.00	5.00	25.00	1.25	55.00	1.50
Upper Davidson...	25.00	30.00	12.00	10.75	60.00	3.00	110.00	3.25
High Point	3.25	3.75	1.50	1.25	7.50	.50	15.00	.50
Concord .....	.....	7.00	3.00	2.50	15.00	1.00	32.50	1.00
Thomasville	11.50	12.50	5.00	4.50	25.00	1.25	52.50	1.25
Catawba	10.00	11.00	4.50	4.00	22.50	1.00	47.50	1.00
Bethel	3.75	4.50	1.50	1.50	7.50	.50	20.00	.50
Grace	3.75	4.50	1.50	1.50	7.50	.50	20.00	.50
Greensboro	1.00	1.25	.50	.50	2.50	.50	10.00	.50
Mt. Bethel	1.00	1.25	.50	.50	2.50	.50	5.00	.50
Lenoir	1.00	1.25	.50	.50	2.50	.50	12.50	.50
Totals	\$217.00	\$252.00	\$100.00	\$90.15	\$500.00	\$27.00	\$1,097.50	\$27.50

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KELLER.
M. J. ROWE.

ARTICLE XIX.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The following are the statistics of the Sunday-Schools of the Classis: 367 officers and teachers; 3,809 scholars; 146 in the Home Department; total 4,063; 1,310 average attendance; 828 scholars in full membership of the church; 319 baptized scholars, but not confirmed; 112 scholars received during the year into full membership; 571 books in the library; \$64 to Sunday-School work of General Board; \$104 to other church boards and institu-

tions; \$137 to other benevolent objects; \$865 to support of schools.

ARTICLE XX.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

The Committee on Examination and Licensure reported Saturday afternoon. The report was received and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report that no business has come before the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. TREXLER,
W. H. McNAIRY.

ARTICLE XXI.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

The Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphan's Home presented the following report which was read and referred to the Committee on Orphan's Home:

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphan's Home beg leave to report as follows:

Immediately after the special meeting of Classis, the Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphan's Home organized and elected the following officers: Chairman, J. M. L. Lyerly; Secretary, W. B. Duttera; Treasurer, J. H. Moose. A charter, which we herewith present, has been secured at a cost of \$3.50.

A tract of land containing sixteen and two-fifths acres has been purchased for the sum of four hundred and ten dollars. Of the purchase price three hundred and sixty-two dollars and seventy-five cents has been paid, leaving a balance due of forty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents.

Since the organization of the Board several applications for admission of children into the Home have been made, but for the lack of means their admission could not be granted. In view of the fact then that the Institution is needed the Board could do nothing more than has been done.

The Board asks your honorable body to urge upon the pastors and people the collection of the outstanding pledges, and that, so far as it is possible, all the money be in the hands of the Treasurer not later than January 1st, 1905. It is the purpose of the Board to get up plans and specifications for buildings, &c., as soon as the money in hand will warrant.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY, Chairman.

Saturday afternoon the Committee on Orphan's Home submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your standing committee on Orphan's Home beg leave to report the following: We have examined the report of the Board of Managers and other documents in our hands, and offer the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That we approve the action of the said Board in the securing of a charter and the purchase of lands.

Resolved, That the charter together with submitted constitution be adopted by this Classis, and that they be incorporated in full in the printed Minutes of Classis.

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Board of Managers relative to collecting the outstanding pledges be the action of Classis and that pastors are asked to properly present the matter to their people, and do everything legitimate for the securing of the outstanding pledges and placing in the hands of the Treasurer of the Home by the first of January, 1905, all such funds so collected.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers are requested to keep our people informed on the subject and that the way be opened for the further raising of funds for the establishing and maintaining of the Home.

Resolved, That our pastors and people be urged to the maintaining of a favorable attitude to the institution, and that an opportunity be given on Thanksgiving day, or such other day or days as may be selected, for free will offerings for this cause.

We commend the Orphan's Friend, a paper published in the interests of St. Paul's Orphan's Home, to the favorable consideration of our churches and Sunday-Schools.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER,
W. W. ROWE,
JOHN D. A. FISHER.

The following are the Charter and Constitution of the Orphan's Home :

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION.

This is to certify that we, Revs. J. D. Andrew, Burlington; S. W. Beck, Conover, W. H. Causey, Lexington, W. B. Duttera, Salisbury, C. B. Heller, Maiden, H. A. M. Holshouser, Lexington, J. M. L. Lyerly, Crescent, W. H. McNairy, Lenoir, J. L. Murphy, Hickory, and T. W. S. Grimes, Thomasville, J. C. Lippard, Concord, and J. H. Moose, Gold Hill, (all of North Carolina,) do hereby associate ourselves into a corporation, under and by virtue of the provisions of an act of the legislature of the State of North Carolina, Session 1901, entitled "An Act to revise the Corporation Law of North Carolina," and the several supplements thereto and acts amendatory thereof.

1st. The name of the corporation is NAZARETH ORPHAN'S HOME (Incorporated.)

2d. The location of the principal office in this State is at Crescent, Rowan county, and the name of the agent there upon whom process against this corporation may be served is J. M. L. Lyerly.

3rd. The objects for which this corporation is formed are to establish at or near Crescent, N. C., in Rowan county, a Home or Orphanage for the care, control, maintenance and support of such indigent orphans as the Board of Managers may desire to provide for, which children shall be received only upon compliance with such rules as the Board of Managers may prescribe for their reception. That the Board of Managers may make by-laws for the government of the Home and for the preservation of good morals therein, and may discharge any child so received in the Home whenever, in their opinion, the good of the institution so requires. That any child or children when so received, shall be under the exclusive care and control of the Board of Managers, and shall not be removed without their consent.

4th. That the Board of Managers of the said Home shall not exceed twelve in number, all of whom shall be elected by the Classis of North Carolina, Reformed Church in the United States, and the Board of Managers shall at all times be amenable to the said Classis and may be removed by such Classis at any time for cause. That the Board of Managers shall be elected by the said Classis under such rules and regulations as the Classis may prescribe, and the term of office of each of the Board of Managers shall be fixed by the Classis.

5th. That all gifts, grants, purchase, devise, or bequests or the proceeds of such, made to said Board of Managers, shall be held by them in trust for the use and benefit of the Classis of North Carolina, Reformed Church in the United States, for the purpose of maintaining the Orphan's Home, when the conditions of the gift, grant, bequest, or devise does not otherwise forbid.

6th. That the Board of Managers shall elect one of their number Chairman, also a Secretary and a Treasurer. They may also elect a Superintendent for the Home and such other teachers and servants as they may deem necessary for the successful operation of the institution. They shall also fix the salary attached to each officer; but the Superintendent, by and with the consent of the Board of Managers, may fix the compensation of the servants of the Home.

7th. That the Board of Managers are authorized by and with the consent of the Classis of North Carolina, Reformed Church in the United States, to change the location of the Home at any time.

8th. That this corporation has no capital stock, and its period of existence is unlimited.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, the 23rd day of October, A. D. nineteen hundred and three.

S. W. BECK.

W. B. DUTTERA.

C. B. HELLER.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER.

J. M. L. LYERLY. •

J. L. MURPHY.

JOHN H. MOOSE.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of O. D. Davis, Notary Public.

(Notarial Seal.)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, }
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE. }

I, J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Certificate of Incorporation of

NAZARETH ORPHAN'S HOME,

(Incorporated.)

and the probates thereon, as the same is taken from and compared with the original filed in this office on the 30th day of October, A. D. 1903.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal.

Done in office at Raleigh, this 30th day of October, in the year of our Lord, 1903.

J. BRYAN GRIMES,
Secretary of State.

Seal of State.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATION OF THE ORPHAN'S HOME.

ARTICLE I.—OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

SEC. 1. The Board of Managers shall consist of 12 members who shall hold office for four years, unless the Classis shall judge it expedient to remove them at an earlier period.

The members shall be so arranged that three of them shall go out of office at the meeting of Classis each year but shall be eligible to re-election by the Classis.

SEC. 2. In case of vacancies occurring in the Board by death, removal, resignation or refusal to serve the Board of Managers shall have the power to declare and fill vacancies until the next meeting of the Classis.

SEC. 3. The Board of Managers shall hold at least two regular meetings, one of which shall be at the annual meeting of Classis and the other shall be at the Orphan's Home, and at such other time as may be necessary. Five members meeting after ten days' notice shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 4. The Board of Managers shall have the power to elect one of their number Chairman, also a Secretary, and a Treasurer; and, to appoint and employ such superintendents, managers and teachers, and other help as the necessities of the Home may require. These officials shall all be elected annually.

SEC. 5. The Chairman of the Board of Managers shall call special meetings when requested to do so by three members of the Board, or when in his opinion the good of the institution requires it.

SEC. 6. The Board of Managers shall choose annually an Executive Committee of five members of whom the Chairman shall be ex-officio chairman, to hold office for one year, three of whom after due notice shall constitute a quorum. To this Executive Committee the management of the Home may be entrusted under the supervision of the Board of Managers, to whom they are responsible.

SEC. 7. The Board of Managers shall purchase such additional grounds convenient to the Home as may be needed for building and farming purposes and shall erect such buildings as the necessities of the institution shall require and their means shall justify.

SEC. 8. The Managers are authorized and directed to procure funds for the establishment and support of the Home by means of appeals to the churches, by circulars or by direct application of the Superintendent or other agents duly authorized and commissioned by them.

SEC. 9. The Board of Managers shall make a report each year to the Classis of North Carolina at its annual meeting of their transactions during the past year, including a complete statement of the condition of the Home, its finances, officials, helps, number of orphans, and plans adopted for their education and training.

ART. II.—OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SEC. 1. To the Executive Committee shall be entrusted the general direction of the Home and the execution of the plans and the orders of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 2. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the Chairman whenever the business of the insti-

tution requires it. Three members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

SEC. 3. The Executive Committee shall have charge of the erection, repair and care of the grounds, furniture and implements and of the general management of the Home.

SEC. 4. The Executive Committee shall make an annual report of all their proceedings to the Board of Managers, to be incorporated by them in their annual report to Classis.

ART. III.—OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

SEC. 1. The Superintendent shall have immediate charge of the Home.

SEC. 2. He shall make provision for the support and clothing of the orphans, superintend their education and religious training and regulate the time for study, work and recreation.

SEC. 3. The Superintendent under the general direction of the Board of Managers or of the Executive Committee shall attend the meetings of our church bodies and visit the churches to present the claims of the Home, awaken interest in its objects and solicit funds, provisions and clothing for the inmates.

SEC. 4. With the approval or consent of the Executive Committee the Superintendent shall have the power to employ matron, teachers and other helpers and laborers in case of vacancies, and to receive suitable orphans into the institution.

ART. IV.—GENERAL OBJECTS OF THE HOME.

SEC. 1. The design of the Classical Orphans' Home is to furnish the advantages of a Christian home to the destitute children deprived of one or both of their parents.

SEC. 2. Indigent orphan children between the ages of 5 and 18 years of age, of sound mind, and free from loathsome, contagious or incurable diseases, of whom there is reasonable hope of future usefulness, may be received and maintained in the Home, upon certificate of a minister or church consistory and of a reputable physician in active practice.

SEC. 3. The children shall be supplied with sufficient wholesome, nutritious and well-prepared food, decently clothed, and provided with comfortable rooms, bedding and furniture, and receive kind and parental treatment.

SEC. 4. They shall be assembled every morning and evening for family worship, which shall consist of reading the Word of God, singing and prayer, and such brief religious instruction by oral address, recitation or repeating the Catechism as may be deemed most suitable for them.

SEC. 5. The children shall also receive instruction in the Bible at other times, especially on the Lord's day when they shall be instructed in the Catechism and shall be taken to church or chapel service at least once each Lord's day, when practicable.

SEC. 6. They shall receive instruction in the rudiments of a good common school education during a proper number of hours five days in each week for at least six months in the year, from a competent and approved teacher.

SEC. 7. Special attention shall be given to the industrial feature in the training of the children, and all of them shall be required to work a suitable number of hours each day at the usual domestic employments of a well ordered household; shall be taught cooking, sewing, washing and housekeeping on the part of the girls, while the boys shall be taught gardening, farm labor, care of stock, or mechanical employments; by these means dispensing as far as practicable with hired help.

SEC. 8. The children of the Home shall not be sent out as hired servants into any families, but may be placed in suitable Christian homes at the discretion of the Executive Committee, under such rules and regulations as they may prescribe. And it shall be the duty of the Superintendent, as far as practicable, to see that they are properly treated after they are sent out into families.

SEC. 9. At or near the close of the 18th year of age of the beneficiaries, it shall be the duty of the Superintendent, aided by the Executive Committee, to secure positions for them, in families, on farms, factories, machine shops, stores, or other suitable places, where they can earn an honest living, and be useful to society and the church.

SEC. 10. The Superintendent shall have power to receive such children and upon such conditions as are enumerated in Art. IV, Sec. 2.

SEC. 11. When the Superintendent shall discover any child to be incorrigible, or injurious to the other inmates such child, with the approval or advice of the Executive Committee, shall be returned to his home or neighborhood.

ART. V.—GENERAL REGULATIONS.

SEC. 1. The salaries of the Superintendent, Matron, Teachers, Agents, and other employes of the Orphan's Home shall be fixed by the Board of Managers, and shall be paid by the Treasurer from the current funds of the institution.

SEC. 2. All necessary expenses of the Board of Managers and of the Executive Committee shall be paid by the Treasurer.

SEC. 3. All other matters not herein determined shall be arranged by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 4. These regulations may be changed by the Board of Managers at any regular meeting, as the suggestions of experience and the necessities of the institution may demand.

ARTICLE XXII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In the election for President at the opening session of Classis, Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly and W. W. Rowe were appointed tellers.

Thursday morning Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser was given leave of absence for the day to conduct a funeral.

The following committee was appointed to examine the draft of the proposed new Constitution: Revs. P. M. Trexler, W. W. Rowe and Elder C. H. A. Rupp. Saturday morning this committee presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Your special committee to whom was referred the New Constitution, beg leave to make the following report: We have carefully examined the draft and recommend the adoption of said New Constitution with the following changes, viz.: Article 82, 1st question, change the word congregation to charge, Also in question 5 of same article, the same change. The committee also calls attention to misprints and omissions.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. TREXLER,
W. W. ROWE,
CHAS. H. A. RUPP.

The following resolution was adopted concerning the dedication of the History of the Classis of North Carolina:

Resolved, That the History of the North Carolina Classis be dedicated to the loving memory of our deceased brethren of the ministry, who were the pioneers of the Reformed Church in this Southland of ours, and who dedicated their lives to the work and service of the Master in making such a history possible by deeds of heroism seldom equalled and never excelled by mortal man. This tribute to their memory is given in the deepest appreciation of their living words by a grateful Church, to the memory of those Fathers who so nobly preserved the precious heritage of that "faith once delivered to the saints."

The following sums were from time to time referred to the Committee on Finance for apportionment: Stated Clerk's salary and expenses, \$35.22; safe deposit box rent, \$4; printing the Minutes of Classis, \$56.75; Treasurer's salary and expenses, \$17.75; to reduce the Lexington loan, \$100; to reduce the High Point loan, \$100.

Friday afternoon the following committee was appointed on leave of absence: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, W. W. Rowe and Elder D. M. Klutz. At the close of

the last session of Classis this committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

Your Committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that the following persons have made application for leave of absence and have been excused: Elder Chas. H. A. Rupp, Elder J. W. Hedrick, Elder J. M. Hedrick, Elder Chas. W. Yost, Elder L. H. Moose, Rev. J. L. Murphy, Rev. J. L. Bowers, Elder J. D. A. Fisher, Elder G. H. Geitner.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. M. LYERLY,

W. W. ROWE.

The following committee was appointed to arrange for educational meetings to be held during the year: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, D. E. Bowers and S. W. Beck.

Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and H. A. M. Holshouser were constituted the permanent committee on Sunday-Schools.

At the last session of Classis the following resolutions of thanks were adopted :

Whereas, The Classis of North Carolina has been so hospitably and cordially entertained by the First Reformed Church and good people of High Point, and

Whereas, The ministers and elders of Classis have enjoyed the fellowship with and the hospitality of these good people.

Resolved, That we express our sincere appreciation of the kind and genial hospitality of this good people by a rising vote.

Resolved, That these resolutions be read by the pastor at the Sunday morning service to the congregation, and be published in the newspapers of High Point.

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Classis having finished the transaction of all business, the roll was called and all persons not previously excused answered to their names. The minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved. The services provided by the Committee on Religious Services were observed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Classis adjourned finally Saturday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, to meet in the First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C., May 3rd, A. D. 1905, at 8 o'clock P. M.

J. C. CLAPP, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE XXV.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

FIRST SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in adjourned session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., May 20, 1903, at 1 o'clock P. M. The meeting was called to order by Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, the President. The following members were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D.,

W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., and H. A. M. Holshouser; Elders J. B. Leonard and J. W. Williams. In the absence of the Stated Clerk, Rev. J. L. Murphy was appointed Stated Clerk, pro tem. The meeting was opened with devotional services.

The Standing Committee on Examination and Licensure made their report as follows:

Your Standing Committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report that W. H. Causey, C. W. Warlick and H. S. T. Peeler have made application for examination and licensure, that their examination is satisfactory, and that we recommend their licensure.

Signed by all the members of the Committee.

J. C. CLAPP,
W. B. DUTTERA,
J. W. WILLIAMS.

The report was adopted and the candidates, by subscribing to the Constitutional Formula were duly licensed.

Licentiate C. W. Warlick, at his own request, was dismissed for the purpose of connecting himself with the Juniata Classis, Synod of the Potomac.

A call from Lower Davidson Charge to Licentiate W. H. Causey was confirmed and the following committee was appointed to ordain and install him pastor of said charge: Revs. J. C. Leonard, H. A. M. Holshouser and M. L. Hedrick.

The following committee was appointed to ordain and install Licentiate H. S. T. Peeler pastor of the Greensboro Mission, said committee to be subject to Mr. Peeler's

receiving his commission from the Board of Missions :
Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. D. Andrew and D. E. Bowers.

Rev. H. E. Sechler, of Gainesville, Fla., was excused from attendance on the regular meeting of Classis.

The minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned in the usual form.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER, President,
J. L. MURPHY, Stated Clerk pro tem.

SECOND SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, August 13, 1903, in obedience to the following call:

LEXINGTON, N. C., July 27, 1903.

DEAR BROTHER :—There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, N. C., at 1 o'clock P. M., Aug. 13, 1903, to transact the following business:

1. To consider the report of the Committee on Orphanage and to transact all necessary business pertaining thereto.
2. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. W. H. McNairy and the Concord Charge.
3. To grant permission to organize a congregation within the bounds of New Gilead Charge.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER, President.

The Classis was called to order by the President, and Rev. J. L. Murphy was appointed Stated Clerk, pro tem. After Scripture reading and prayer, led by Rev. C. B. Heller, the roll was called and the following members answered to their names: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D., J. H. Keller, W. H. McNairy, H. A. M. Holshouser, S. W. Beck, Shuford Peeler, W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., C. B. Heller, C. H. Riedsel and J. L. Murphy, D. D.; Elders J. R. Fisher and J. C. Hileman.

A quorum being found present, the call was read. Item 2 was considered first. The request was granted and the Concord Charge was declared vacant. Revs. P. Barringer, J. H. Keller, and C. H. Riedesel were appointed a committee of supply.

Item 1 of the call was taken up and the Committee on Orphanage made the following report:

CONCORD, N. C., July 24, 1903.

Your Committee on Orphan's Home met at the Reformed parsonage. Every member was present. After prayer by Bro. McNairy the committee after due consideration make the following recommendations:

1. That the proposed orphanage be located at Crescent, N. C.
2. That the name be "Nazareth Orphan's Home."
3. That the Board of Managers shall consist of 12 members to serve 4 years; 3 to be elected for 1 year, 3 for 2 years, 3 for 3 years and 3 for 4 years, after which 3 members shall be elected each year, beginning with the annual meeting of 1905. Power to elect to be vested in the Classis of North Carolina.

4. The Board of Managers shall have full power to transact all business relative to the home and make an annual report to Classis.

5. The following constitute the Board of Managers :

One year—Rev. Beck, Dr. Duttera, J. C. Lippard.

Two years—Rev. Causey, Rev. McNairy, J. H. Moose.

Three years—Rev. Holshouser, Rev. Heller, T. W. S. Grimes.

Four years—Dr. Lyerly, Dr. Murphy, Rev. Andrew.

REV. J. M. L. LYERLY,
J. H. KELLER.

The report was considered by items, each item adopted, and the report was finally adopted as a whole.

Under the consideration of the first item of the report Rev. W. B. Duttera offered the following :

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA :

In behalf of representative citizens who are deeply interested in the cause of the orphanage, I am authorized to make a formal proposal of at least three acres of land for the establishment of such a home in close proximity to the very excellent graded school of the city of Salisbury.

The following is the action of Classis :

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina in special session at Salisbury Aug. 13, 1903, returns thanks to the representative citizens of Salisbury for their offer of a location for Nazareth Orphan's Home, and regrets that the way is not clear to accept the kind offer.

The following is the action of Classis on item 3 of the call :

Resolved, That Rev. J. H. Keller be authorized to organize a congregation within the bounds of New Gilead Charge if, in his judgment, he deems it necessary.

The minutes were read and approved and the Classis adjourned with prayer.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER, President.

J. L. MURPHY, Stated Clerk pro tem.

THIRD SPECIAL MEETING.

Agreeably to the call of the President, North Carolina Classis met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Nov. 18, 1903, at 2 o'clock P. M. On motion, Rev. J. A. Foil was elected President pro tem. Classis was opened by the reading of the first Psalm by the President and prayer by Rev. W. B. Duttera, Ph. D. Rev. C. B. Heller was appointed Stated Clerk pro tem.

The following members were found present: Revs. P. M. Tréxler, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., S. W. Beck and C. B. Heller; Elders J. B. Leonard and N. I. Rowe. On motion, Elders Bruce Edwards and T. L. Hunsucker were invited to seats as advisory members.

The following is the call:

LEXINGTON, N. C., Oct. 31, 1903.

DEAR BROTHER:—The North Carolina Classis will meet in special session in Grace Reformed church, Newton, N. C., Nov. 18, 1903, at 2 o'clock P. M., to attend to the following items of business:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. C. H. Riedesel and the East Rowan Charge.

2. To dismiss Rev. C. H. Riedesel to Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod.

3. To receive Theological Student Samuel Peeler under the care of Classis.

4. To rearrange the Catawba Charge with the privilege of receiving any congregation not included in said charge.

5. To receive Rev. A. R. Holshouser from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio.

6. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser and the Upper Davidson Charge.

7. To consider a call from Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, to Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

8. If in order, to provide for the installation of Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER, President.

Also the following:

LEXINGTON, N. C., Nov. 5th, 1903.

DEAR BROTHER:—At the special meeting of the North Carolina Classis in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Nov. 18, 1903, at 2 o'clock, P. M., there will be another item:

9. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. W. H. Stubblebine and Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C. H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER, President.

The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1. The proper papers not being at hand, the following action was passed: *Resolved*, That item 1 be laid on the

table until an adjourned meeting Nov. 30, 1903, at 12:30 o'clock P. M., and that the Stated Clerk pro tem. be instructed to write to Rev. C. H. Riedesel and the Secretary of the Joint Consistory of the East Rowan Charge notifying them to send the necessary papers in the case.

2. The same action was taken on item 2 as on item 1.

3. On motion, Student Samuel Peeler was received under the care of Classis.

4. With reference to a motion to detach Smyrna Congregation from the Catawba Charge and place it under the care of Classis, the following resolution was passed: *Resolved*, That the pastor of the Catawba Charge and the Consistory of Smyrna be instructed to consult together, looking to the choosing of some plans by which Smyrna may have more and closer pastoral oversight.

5. On motion, Rev. A. R. Holshouser was received from Miami Classis, Synod of Ohio, his certificate being found in order, and his name was ordered placed on the roll of ministers.

6. The proper papers being before the Classis, the pastoral relation between Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser and the Upper Davidson Charge was dissolved, and the charge declared vacant.

7. The call from Trinity Reformed Church, Concord, to Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, being found in order, was confirmed.

8. Revs. J. H. Keller, Paul Barringer and J. L. Bowers were appointed to install Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser pastor of the Concord Charge.

9. On motion, the pastoral relation between Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., and Grace Reformed Church, of Newton, was dissolved, Revs. Tr  xler, Murphy, Beck, Heller, J. B. Leonard and N. I. Rowe voting in the affirmative, and Rev. Duttera in the negative.

After the reading of the minutes, on motion, Classis adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Trexler, to meet on Nov. 30, 1903, at 12:30 o'clock, P. M.

J. A. FOIL, President, pro tem.

C. B. HELLER, Stated Clerk pro tem.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in adjourned session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., Nov. 30, 1903, at 12:30 o'clock P. M. The session was opened with the reading of Scripture by Rev. J. A. Foil, President pro tem., and prayer by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D. the following members were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., S. W. Beck and C. B. Heller; Elders J. B. Leonard and N. I. Rowe.

The business of the meeting being items 1 and 2 of the special meeting of Nov. 18, 1903, these items were considered and disposed of in the following action:

1. The pastoral relation between Rev. C. H. Riedesel and the East Rowan Charge was dissolved, and the charge declared vacant.

2. At his own request, Rev. C. H. Riedesel was dismissed to Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod, and the

Stated Clerk was authorized to furnish him with the proper credentials.

The minutes were read and approved and the Classis adjourned with the benediction.

J. A. FOIL, President pro tem.

C. B. HELLER, Stated Clerk pro tem.

FOURTH SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in the First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C., Dec. 28th, 1903, at 9:30 o'clock A. M., in obedience to the following call:

LEXINGTON, N. C., Dec. 12th, 1903.

DEAR BROTHER:—There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in the First Reformed Church of Lexington, N. C., Dec. 28th, 1903, at 9:30 A. M., to attend to the following items of business:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. W. W. Rowe and the Thomasville Charge.
2. To confirm a call, if in order, from the East Rowan Charge to Rev. W. W. Rowe and provide for his installation.
3. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. W. H. Causey and the Lower Davidson Charge.
4. To confirm a call, if in order, from the Upper Davidson Charge to Rev. W. H. Causey, and provide for his installation.
5. To appoint supply for these charges.

H. A. M. HOLSHOUSER, President.

There being no quorum present adjournment was taken until Jan. 1st, 1904, at 10 o'clock A. M., when the following members were present: Revs. W. W. Rowe, W. H. Causey and J. C. Leonard; Elders P. J. Leonard and A. P. Long. Rev. W. W. Rowe was chosen President pro tem., and he conducted the devotional services.

The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1. At the joint request of the pastor and Joint Consistory the pastoral relation between Rev. W. W. Rowe and the Thomasville Charge was dissolved, and the charge was declared vacant.

2. The call from the East Rowan Charge to Rev. W. W. Rowe being found in order was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to install him pastor: Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, J. M. L. Lyerly and Paul Barringer.

3. The proper papers not being in the hands of Classis, adjournment was taken until Jan. 6th, 1904, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., when the above named members of Classis were again present. The proper papers from the Joint Consistory of the Lower Davidson Charge, joining the pastor in a request for the dissolution of the pastoral relation, being now before Classis, the pastoral relation was dissolved and the charge declared vacant.

4. The call to Rev. W. H. Causey from the Upper Davidson Charge was found in order and confirmed. The following committee on installation was appointed: Revs. J. C. Leonard, D. E. Bowers and M. L. Hedrick,

5. The following committee of supply for the Thomasville Charge was appointed: Revs. J. C. Leonard, W. H. Causey and D. E. Bowers.

Rev. W. H. Causey was appointed the committee of supply for the Lower Davidson Charge.

The minutes were read and approved and the Classis adjourned with the benediction.

W. W. ROWE, President pro tem.,
J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Statistical Report of North Carolina Classis Synod of the Potomac Reformed Church in the U. S., for the year ending May 3rd, A. D. 1904.

I hereby certify that these statistics are carefully and officially prepared.

J. C. LEONARD, State Clerk.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CLASSES OF POTOMAC SYNOD, AND THE SEVERAL SYNODS.

NAMES OF CLASSES.	No. of Classes.		No. of Ministers.		No. of Congregations.		Members.		Additions.			Losses.				S. Schools.			Students for Ministry		Contributions.	
					Communicants.	Communed.	Uncommuned.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmed.	Certif. or Renew.	Dismissed.	Excommunicated.	Erasure of Names.	Deaths Com'ts.	Deaths Unconf'd	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.		Benevolent Purposes.	Congregational Purposes.
Zion's.....	1	17	37	5374	4350	2988	308	15	183	148	63	..	35	80	68	34	561	4889	1	\$ 4,710 00	\$ 37,314 00	
Maryland.....	1	45	64	10597	8420	5907	471	48	458	273	200	..	92	136	106	60	1208	8477	7	12,409 00	71,999 00	
Mercersburg.....	1	14	24	3590	2969	1121	91	55	130	98	97	..	30	56	15	21	371	2693	2	4,400 00	33,067 00	
Virginia.....	1	20	32	2642	2221	1209	64	46	100	72	52	..	22	41	12	28	304	1864	1	3,185 00	12,708 00	
North Carolina.....	1	26	47	3718	2568	1743	156	50	162	122	109	..	76	51	11	36	322	3414	7	2,568 00	9,413 00	
Gettysburg.....	1	20	29	6029	5389	3396	329	27	277	161	102	..	73	106	52	29	434	3582	6	5,491 00	20,250 00	
Carlisle.....	1	14	21	2452	1940	1056	82	24	74	63	75	..	20	34	11	20	322	2589	4	3,320 00	12,224 00	
Junata.....	1	21	53	6286	5233	2991	223	39	213	179	143	..	97	109	36	46	653	4784	4	6,763 00	35,439 00	
Total.....	8	177	307	40688	33096	20411	1724	304	1597	1116	841	..	445	613	311	274	4175	32292	32	\$42,847 00	\$232,414 00	
Eastern Synod.....	12	324	546	107577	84887	56243	5560	545	4910	3526	1891	2	1587	1670	959	618	11244	91638	71	113,371 00	580,539 00	
Ohio Synod.....	6	149	234	26563	20912	6493	764	448	1115	1130	652	1	796	355	84	221	3378	24462	25	35,544 00	143,923 00	
Synod of N. West.....	12	175	225	23146	16005	14769	1569	34	1218	815	318	2	519	341	139	200	1444	12845	24	20,845 00	106,485 00	
Pittsburg Synod.....	5	90	156	19800	16539	10885	1018	136	845	857	533	..	437	291	168	144	1862	13854	9	33,751 00	137,799 00	
German Synod of East.....	4	67	55	14919	12086	10484	1835	35	799	786	225	6	1252	283	178	58	1124	11604	5	10,258 00	113,741 00	
Central Synod.....	5	105	121	23021	16604	11864	1250	95	998	770	225	2	645	310	150	105	1601	13374	16	18,995 00	123,226 00	
Synod of Interior.....	5	53	65	3335	2556	1277	1504	97	157	204	111	..	125	54	8	62	652	4127	5	7,266 00	38,887 00	
	57	1138	1709	259983	202585	132426	13824	1694	11639	9204	4692	13	5806	4117	2047	1082	25480	204396	187	\$282,787 00	\$1,496,914 00	

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS
OF
NORTH CAROLINA
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LEXINGTON, N. C.,
MAY 3rd to 6th 1905.

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Officers of the Classis:

PRESIDENT: Rev. J. L. Bowers,-----China Grove, N. C.
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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

Acts and Proceedings

of the

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA

of the

Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF CLASSIS.

The Classis of North Carolina, Synod of the Potomac, Reformed Church in the United States, convened in seventy-fifth annual sessions in the First Reformed Church, Lexington, N. C., Wednesday May 3rd, A. D. 1905, at 8 o'clock P. M. The opening sermon was preached by the retiring President, Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., from John 4: 36, 37, 38. "He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal, that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, 'One soweth, and another reapeth.' I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor; other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors." After the sermon the Holy Communion was observed. The Classis was then duly constituted. The Stated Clerk called the roll and a quorum was found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ministers: John Ingle, J. C. Clapp, D. D., P. M. Trexler, D. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D., J. D. Andrew, J. H. Shuford, W. H. McNairy, J. L. Bowers, D. E. Bowers, S. W. Beck, W. W. Rowe, W. H. Causey, Shuford Peeler, C. E. Wehler, Frederick Cromer.

Elders: S. T. Wilfong, Grace; L. R. Whitener, Hickory; E. A. Rothrock, First, Lexington; J. C. Sheppard, Burlington; J. P. Rabb, Lenoir; W. C. Rose, West Rowan; Geo. F. Bost, Catawba; J. W. Foil, East Rowan; T. W. S. Grimes, Thomasville; W. R. Ingle, Guilford; Andrew Crotts, Lower Davidson.

The following members appeared at later sessions and took their seats: Thursday morning, Revs. C. B. Heller and G. A. Snyder, and Elders J. C. Hileman, New Gilead; I. T. Hedrick, High Point; D. C. Warlick, Lincoln; C. W. Yost, Greensboro; J. B. Leonard, Newton. Thursday afternoon, Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. H. Keller, W. B. Duttera, B. D., Ph. D., and Elder D. W. Moore, Concord. Friday morning, Rev. M. L. Hedrick, and Elder R. H. Grimes, Second church, Lexington. Friday afternoon, Rev. Paul Barringer, Elder H. C. Corriher, Salisbury.

Elder T. W. S. Grimes, secundus, occupied the seat of Elder David Imbler Wednesday night and Saturday.

The following charges were not represented by Elders:

Central Rowan, Upper Davidson, Blowing Rock, Bethel, Brookford.

The following ministers were absent: Clarence Clapp, H. E. Sechler, A. R. Holshouser, M. D.

The following ministers were absent without reporting:

Clarence Clapp and A. R. Holshouser, M. D.

Advisory members: Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D., Lehigh Classis, Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D., Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod; Elders P. J. Leonard, L. L. Conrad, Jefferson Hedrick, D. H. Hinkle.

Visiting Ministers: Rev. J. N. Huggins of the M. E. church, Rev. Dr. Leyburn of the Presbyterian church, Rev. L. F. Johnson of the Christian church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing classical year: Rev. J. L. Bowers, President; Elder J. C. Hileman, Vice-President; Rev. J. D. Andrew, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. Shuford Peeler, Reading Clerk; Elder P. J. Leonard, Treasurer. Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with. The President defined the bar of the house to be the pews to the right and left of the pulpit and four in front. The following hours were fixed for opening and closing the sessions of Classis: From 9 o'clock a. m. to 5 o'clock p. m., with a recess from 11:30 a. m. to 2 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following standing committees:

1. Religious Services: Revs. J. C. Leonard, W. H. Causey and Elder E. A. Rothrock.
2. Minutes of Classis: Revs. J. C. Leonard, J. Ingle and Elder S. T. Wilfong.
3. Minutes of Potomac Synod: Revs. P. M. Trexler, J. H. Shuford and Elder J. C. Sheppard.
4. Overtures: Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. E. Bowers and Elder J. P. Rabb.
5. Examination and Licensure: Revs. John Ingle, C. E. Wehler and Elder W. C. Rose.
6. Nominations: Revs. W. H. Causey, S. W. Beck and Elder Geo. F. Bost.
7. Finance: Revs. W. H. McNairy, W. W. Rowe and Elder T. W. S. Grimes.

8. Education: Revs. C. B. Heller, Shuford Peeler and Elder E. A. Rothrock.

9. Missions: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, Fred Cromer and Elder L. R. Whitener.

10. Religion and Statistics: Revs. J. C. Clapp, J. H. Keller and Elder W. R. Ingle.

11. Press Reports: Revs. J. L. Murphy, W. B. Duttera and Elder Andrew Crotts.

12. Orphans' Home: Revs. J. D. Andrew, S. W. Beck and Elder C. W. Yost.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The pastor of the church presented to the Classis copies of the Minutes of Potomac Synod and of the Classis, which were referred to the proper standing committees.

2. The report of Mr. M. J. Rowe, Treasurer of Classis, was read and referred to the committee on Finance to audit.

3. The report of the President of the Trustees of Catawba College was read and referred to the committee of Education.

4. The reports of the Boards of Missions were referred to the committee on Missions.

5. The report of the Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home was read and referred to the committee on Orphans' Home.

6. Various other communications were received and referred to the committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were opened and closed with proper religious services. The committee on Religious Services offered the following report, which was received and adopted:

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your committee on Religious Services beg leave to submit the following report:

Wednesday, 8 o'clock p. m.: Opening Sermon by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D.

Thursday, 8 o'clock p. m.:

1. Catawba College and the Reformed Church in the South, President George A. Snyder.

2. Our Home Mission Work, Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Friday, 8 o'clock p. m.:

1. The Foundation of our Fathers and our Superstructure, Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D.

2. The Growth of Classis through past Struggles into present Prosperity, Rev. Paul Barringer.

Saturday, 8 o'clock p. m.:

1. Our Church Literature, Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D.

2. The Care of Our Orphans, Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D.

Sunday 9:30 o'clock a. m.:

Sunday School Addresses,

Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D.

Rev. W. W. Rowe.

Sunday 11 o'clock a. m.:

Our Foreign Mission Work,

Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D.

Sunday 8 o'clock p. m.:

China and the Gospel,

Rev. Fred Cromer.

Services in other Churches:

Second Reformed—Rev. Fred Cromer, 3 o'clock p. m.

First Methodist—Rev. Geo. A. Snyder, 11 o'clock a. m.;
Rev. C. B. Heller, 8 o'clock p. m.

Presbyterian—Rev. C. E. Wehler, 11 o'clock a. m.; Rev.
P. M. Trexler, D. D., 8 o'clock p. m.

Baptist—Rev. J. D. Andrew, 11 o'clock a. m.; Rev. C. J.
Musser, D. D., 8 o'clock p. m.

Pilgrim Reformed—Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D., 11 o'clock
a. m.; Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D., 3:30 o'clock p. m.

Mt. Tabor Reformed—Rev. J. L. Bowers, 11 o'clock a. m.

Beck's Reformed—Rev. W. H. McNairy, 11 o'clock a. m.

Jerusalem Reformed—Rev. S. W. Beck, 11 o'clock a. m.

Hedrick's Grove Reformed—Rev. S. W. Beck, 2:30 o'clock
p. m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

W. H. CAUSEY,

E. A. ROTHROCK.

ARTICLE VIII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Thursday morning Classis proceeded to the hearing of parochial reports. These reports were read by the several ministers of the Classis and were then referred to the committee on Religion and Statistics. The Elders of the charges answered the constitutional questions.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSIS.

Saturday morning the committee on the Minutes of Classis presented the following report:

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

The committee on the Minutes of Classis beg leave to present the following report:

1 Rev. W. H. McNairy was appointed commissioner with instructions to secure the entire balance due on the \$400 pledged on the Salisbury church debt to be paid by outside friends.

2. Revs. Paul Barringer, J. C. Leonard and D. E. Bowers were appointed a committee of supply for the Lower Davidson Charge.

3. The Stated Clerk was directed to issue to Rev. Wm. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., a proper certificate of dismissal to the Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, so soon as he should be notified by the Stated Clerk of Wyoming Classis that the pending claim had been settled.

4. Rev. W. W. Rowe was authorized to canvass the field within the bounds of the East Rowan Charge with a view to organizing a new congregation.

5. The parties in whose interest a certain special meeting of Classis was called at Newton were instructed to pay their proportionate part of Rev. W. B. Duttera's bill of expenses to the Stated Clerk, and the Stated Clerk was in turn directed to pay the amount to Dr. Duttera.

6. Rev. D. E. Bowers was authorized to organize a new congregation in the western part of the city of High Point.

7. The issuing of a history of the Reformed Church in North Carolina was placed in the hands of a committee of which Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., is chairman.

8. The matter of our interest in a tract of land at Bessemer City was referred to Rev. J. L. Murphy.

9. Rev. J. C. Leonard was authorized to organize a new congregation in Lexington.

10. Revs. J. L. Murphy, P. M. Trexler and J. A. Foil were appointed to install Rev. W. H. McNairy pastor of the Lenoir Mission.

11. Revs. H. A. M. Holshouser, D. E. Bowers and S. W. Beck were appointed to arrange for the holding of educational meetings.

12. The third Sunday in September was designated as the day for each pastor to preach on beneficiary education and take an offering for the cause.

13. The matter of connecting Bethel Church with the Catawba Charge was referred to Revs. J. L. Murphy, S. W. Beck and C. B. Heller.

14. The sum of \$100 was appropriated to the salary of the pastor of the Catawba Charge.

15. The Classis directed that \$200 be apportioned this year for the church at Greensboro.

16. The Guilford Charge was granted \$100 to supplement the salary provided a regular pastor be secured.

17. The Guilford Charge was committed to the care of Rev. Paul Barringer.

18. The Thomasville Charge was granted \$25 to supplement the pastor's salary.

19. The Lower Davidson Charge was granted \$100 towards the salary in case a regular pastor be secured.

20. The sum of \$50 was appropriated to Blowing Rock towards the support of the pastor.

21. Mt. Bethel Church at Blowing Rock was committed to the care of Rev. W. H. McNairy.

22. The pastors in Burlington, Greensboro, Thomasville, High Point, Salisbury, Lexington, Concord, Newton and Hickory were instructed to canvass the new parts of their

towns with a view of organizing new work, and to organize Sunday Schools in such sections of these towns as give promise of the organization of Reformed Churches.

23. The following ministers were appointed to look after our interests in the towns herewith named:—Rev. J. D. Andrew, Gibsonville; Rev. W. H. Causey, Waughtown; Rev. W. B. Duttera, Spencer; Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Granite Quarry; Rev. J. L. Bowers, Landis; Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, Charlotte; Rev. C. B. Heller, Gastonia and Lincolnton.

24. Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. C. Leonard and Elder M. J. Rowe were appointed a committee to arrange for the seventy-fifth anniversary services to be held in connection with this meeting of Classis.

25. Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and H. A. M. Holshouser were constituted the permanent committee on Sunday Schools.

26. Revs. J. C. Clapp, J. L. Murphy and C. B. Heller were appointed to install Rev. C. E. Wehler pastor of Grace Church, Newton.

27. Revs. J. C. Leonard, W. H. Causey and Shuford Peeler were appointed to install Rev. Fred Cromer pastor of the Thomasville Charge.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
JOHN INGLE,
S. T. WILFONG.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. The following report was received and adopted:

As commissioner appointed at your last meeting to secure the entire balance due on the \$400 pledged the Home Mission Board on the Salisbury debt to be raised by outside friends, I would say as Classis failed to make provision for expenses, I could not canvass the Classis but tried to raise the full amount by appeal to the different members of Classis but for want of co-operation of some of the brethren, I did not secure the full amount. I received the following amounts: Rev. J. H. Keller \$5.00, Lower Stone church, East Rowan charge, \$5.00, First church Lexington \$5.00, Grace church Newton, \$5.00, Dr. J. C. Clapp, \$5.00. Total \$30.00.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McNAIRY.

2. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE CLASSIS: Your committee of supply for the Lower Davidson Charge beg leave to offer the following report:

One member of the committee, Rev. Paul Barringer, preached regularly in the charge until the rough winter weather made this impossible. In the meantime a call was extended to a brother to become the regular pastor, but this had to be declined. The charge has secured the services of Student Irwin S. Ditzler for four months during the summer.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER,

J. C. LEONARD,

W. H. CAUSEY.

3. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS:—I beg leave to report that on May 25, 1904, I received notice from Rev. C. H. Herbst, Stated Clerk of Wyoming Classis, that the claim against Rev. W. H. Stubblebine, Ph. D., had been settled, and accordingly on the 26th of May, 1904, I issued to Dr. Stubble-

bine a certificate of dismissal to the Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

4. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS:—Your committee authorized to canvass the field at Cross Roads and report to Classis begs leave to report that services have been held there twice during the year and that there is a bright outlook for a congregation to be organized.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. ROWE.

The interest at this place was again committed to Rev. W. W. Rowe with instructions to organize if deemed advisable.

5. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE CLASSIS:—I beg leave to report that I received twenty-two cents from Mr. M. J. Rowe for Grace church, Newton, which has been tendered to Rev. Dr. W. B. Dutera, but refused.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

The parties still owing the bill are requested to pay the same to the Stated Clerk this year, and he is instructed to pay the same to the Orphans' Home.

6. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:—I beg leave to submit the following report:—No organization was effected during the year. I ask for the same instructions the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. BOWERS.

This interest was again committed to the care of Rev. D. E. Bowers with instructions to organize a second congregation in High Point if advisable.

7. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:—Your Editors of the History of the Reformed Church in North Carolina beg leave to report progress; the major part of those to whom parts have been assigned have sent in their contributions. We request that all do so before the first of August of the present year. We propose to arrange the matter as soon as possible thereafter, then to call the entire committee together, and to go to press this year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP,

J. C. LEONARD.

8. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was committed the interests at Bessemer City reports as follows: I visited Gastonia and had a conference with the Rev. Mr. Morgan of the Luthern Church, examined the deed and find that in all probability difficulty will be encountered in establishing our claim to the property, especially as this claim will be contested by other parties. In view of this I instructed Mr. Morgan that we did not care to enter into a law-suit and that we would relinquish any claims that we might have in favor of the Luthern Church.

J. L. MURPHY.

9. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:—I beg leave to report that the Second Reformed Church of Lexington was organized June 5th, 1904. Thirteen persons presented certificates, and nine others were received on that date, making a total of twenty-two. A successful Sunday School has been conducted during the year, and preaching services have been held every two weeks in the afternoon. The new congregation gives promise of a healthy growth.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

Elder R. H. Grimes of this congregation was admitted to his seat in Classis. The parochial report was read and referred to the proper committee.

10. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to install Rev. W. H. McNairy pastor of Lenoir Mission report the duty attended to August 28th, 1904, by two members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. MURPHY,

J. A. FOIL.

11. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to hold educational meetings reports as follows: 1. A meeting was held at Pilgrim July 4, 1904, at which addresses were made by Revs. J. L. Murphy and C. B. Heller. 2. A meeting was held at Starr town in July at which time a number of addresses were made.

Respectfully submitted.

D. E. BOWERS,

S. W. BECK.

12. It was reported, on roll call, that most of the pastors had attended to the duty.

13. The following report was received and adopted:

Arrangements were made with Rev. S. W. Beck, pastor of the Catawba Charge, to supply Bethel congregation, and in consequence of said arrangement your committee deemed action on its part unnecessary.

J. L. MURPHY,

C. B. HELLER.

14. The amount was reported paid, and the item adopted.

15. The following action was taken: Resolved, that the sum of \$100 be apportioned this year, and that the Classis pay \$6 interest for one year.

16. The money was not called for. The item was adopted.

17. The following report was received and adopted:

The Guilford Charge has not received our personal oversight during the year. However we preached a few sermons within the Charge. Student W. S. Clapp labored faithfully during his last summer vacation in this Charge; much good was accomplished under his labors. Arrangements have been made to secure the services of Student Clapp for his coming summer vacation.

Respectfully submitted,
P. BARRINGER.

18. A proportionate part of the amount was paid. The item was adopted.

19. The money was not called for. The item was adopted.

20. The money was paid, and the item adopted.

21. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee of supply for Mt. Bethel Reformed Church, Blowing Rock, begs leave to report that he discharged that duty to the best of his ability.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. McNAIRY.

22. The duty was attended to by a part of the pastors designated.

23. The duty was attended to. Rev. W. H. Causey was authorized to organize a congregation at Waughtown. The interests of our church at Lincolnton and Gastonia were referred to Revs. C. B. Heller, J. L. Murphy and J. C. Clapp.

24. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your committee to arrange for the anniversary services to be held during the seventy-fifth annual sessions of Classis beg leave to report as follows:—We have arranged for a historical sermon to be preached by the retiring President at the opening of Classis. We have also arranged for a special meet-

ing in this interest on Friday night when two historical addresses will be delivered. In addition we have arranged for the attendance of Rev. A. R. Bartholomew, D. D., Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, who will speak in the interest of our Foreign Mission work, and Rev. C. J. Musser, D. D., Editor of the Reformed Church Messenger, who will address us on our Christian Literature. Both of these gentlemen are from Philadelphia. Besides we have arranged to give prominence to the mission and educational work in this State in the selection of speakers and subjects for the other evenings.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP,

J. C. LEONARD,

M. J. ROWE.

25. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee on Sunday Schools reports as follows:—The reports made by the pastors and officers for the past year are the best yet received, showing a splendid growth. These reports show that we have 429 officers and teachers, 4803 scholars in the regular department, 216 in the Home Department, making a total enrollment of 5415, a clear gain of 21 per cent. The total moneys raised amount to \$1486. Your committee would most heartily recommend the Home Department and Cradle Roll to the entire Classis. By introducing these departments into all our Schools the enrollment may be largely increased and the interest in Bible study greatly augmented. The reports of the Young Peoples' Societies referred to your committee show three Young Peoples' Society of Christian Endeavor, one at Greensboro, one at Newton and one at Hickory, numbering 89 members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,

J. L. MURPHY,

26. The following report was received and adopted:

The committee to install Rev. C. E. Wehler pastor of Grace Church, Newton, beg leave to report that the duty was attended to October 16th, 1904.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP,

J. L. MURPHY.

27. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your committee on the installation of Rev. Fred Cromer pastor of the Thomasville Charge beg leave to report the duty attended to January 6th, 1905, in Heidelberg Church, Thomasville.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,

SHUFORD PEELER.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

The committee on Overtures presented the following report:

The committee on Overtures report the following papers which have been referred to them:

1. Letter from Student W. S. Clapp asking aid.
2. Letter from Student A. S. Peeler asking aid.
3. Overture from Lenoir Mission.
4. A request from Catawba Charge asking Classis to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Rev. S. W. Beck and said Charge.
5. A request from Concord Charge asking Classis to dissolve the pastoral relation existing between Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser and said Charge.
6. A call from Concord Charge to Rev. S. W. Beck.
7. An Overture from the Central Church Workers' Con-

vention as follows:—We do respectfully overture your Reverend body to consent to the constitution of the Central District, including that part of the Classis of North Carolina situated between the Yadkin and Catawba Rivers, a separate and independent Classis to be known by the name of ———— Classis of North Carolina.

8. Request of Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser to be dismissed to Emporia Presbytery, Presbyterian church.

9. Request for aid from Mt. Bethel.

10. Notice of reception of Rev. W. H. Stubblebine by Philadelphia Classis.

11. Notice of reception of Rev. C. H. Riedesell by Heidelberg Classis, Central Synod.

12. Letter of thanks from Bethany congregation Upper Davidson Charge.

13. An overture from two sisters and four interested heirs of the late Major Sidney M. Finger asking that Classis pay to the Board of Home Missions the \$500 bequeathed to the Classis of North Carolina for home missions with the request that the fund be designated "The Major Sidney M. Finger Church Building Fund." The petitioners further ask that the Board of Missions be requested to handle this fund so as to be of the greatest possible aid to the cause of Missions within the bounds of the Classis of North Carolina so as to carry out the desire of the donor.

14. Request from Faith Reformed Church, Brookford, asking to be received by Classis.

15. Request from Greensboro Mission asking to borrow \$500 from the Mission Fund from Catawba College.

16. Request from Catawba Charge asking aid for pastor's salary.

17. Request from Guilford charge asking \$100 to aid pastor's salary.

18. Letter from the Treasurer of the Society for Relief of Ministers and Widows.

19. Report of Student Milton Whitener.

J. L. MURPHY,
D. E. BOWERS,
J. P. RABB.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. The item was adopted and the request referred to the Board of Education.

2. Adopted and the request referred to the Board of Education.

3. The following special committee was appointed to report on a method of handling the interest accruing from the Theological Professorship Fund: Revs. G. A. Snyder, J. L. Murphy and Elder J. C. Hileman. At the Saturday afternoon session this committee presented the following report which was received and adopted:

Your committee to which was referred the matter of devising a method of making proper use of the missionary monies occasioned by the bequest for a Theological Professorship in connection with Catawba College which is now and will be at our disposal, and safeguarding the same after the terms stipulated by the donor, begs leave to report as follows:

Resolved, 1st That a committee of three members be created, the same to consist of two ministers and one elder, to be known as "The George G. Solliday Missionary Committee," to whom the care of this fund shall be committed.

2nd, That at this meeting one minister shall be chosen for one year, one minister for two years, and one elder for three years, and that hereafter at the annual meeting of Classis a member be chosen for a term of three years.

3rd, That the Trustees of Catawba College be requested to raise a similar committee to co-operate with the committee hereby constituted.

GEORGE ALBERT SNYDER,
J. L. MURPHY,
J. C. HILEMAN,

The following were elected members of "The George G. Solliday Missionary Committee": Rev. Geo. A. Snyder, one year; Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp, two years; Elder M. J. Rowe, three years.

4. The request was granted, and the Catawba Charge was declared vacant.

5. The request was granted, and Trinity Church, Concord, was declared vacant.

6. The call was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to install Rev. S. W. Beck pastor of Trinity Church, Concord: Revs. W. W. Rowe, J. H. Keller and Paul Barringer.

7. The overture was made the special order of the day for Friday at 2 o'clock p. m. At that hour the matter was called up, and after a full discussion the President put the question: "Shall the item be adopted and the request granted?" The ayes and noes were called for; the vote stood as follows:

Ayes: P. M. Trexler, Paul Barringer, W. H. McNairy, J. H. Keller, W. B. Duttera, J. C. Hileman.

Ayes 6.

Noes: M. L. Hedrick, J. C. Clapp, J. A. Foil, J. L. Murphy, J. C. Leonard, J. D. Andrew, J. H. Shuford, J. L. Bowers, D. E. Bowers, S. W. Beck, W. W. Rowe, C. B. Heller, W. H. Causey, Shuford Peeler, C. E. Wehler, G. A. Snyder, Fred Cromer, S. T. Wilfong, L. R. Whitener, E. A. Rothrock, J. C. Sheppard, J. P. Rabb, W. C. Rose, H. C. Corriher, I. T. Hedrick, J. W. Foil, D. C. Warlick, J. B. Leonard, David Imbler, W. R. Ingle, Andrew Crotts, R. H. Grimes.

Noes 32.

Non liquit: J. M. L. Lyerly.

Non liquit 1.

The item was not adopted and the request was not granted.

8. The request was granted and Rev. H. A. M. Holsouser was dismissed to the Emporia Presbytery.

9. Referred to the committee on missions.

10. Adopted.

11. Adopted.

12. Adopted.

13. The request was granted and the Stated Clerk was instructed to so inform the Board of Home Missions. The Treasurer of Classis was directed to pay the fund of \$500 to the Treasurer of the Board of Home Missions.

In this connection the following resolution was also adopted:

Whereas, The late Major S. M. Finger has bequeathed the sum of \$500 to the Classis of North Carolina to be used for Foreign Missions, and

Whereas, The said sum of \$500 has been paid by the executor to the Treasurer of the Classis of North Carolina,

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina instructs its Treasurer to pay the said bequest to the Board of Foreign Missions to be used in the interest of the North Japan College, and that a suitable tablet be put in one of the rooms of the North Japan College memorializing the gift and the giver.

14. The request was granted and Faith Reformed Church of Brookford was received.

This congregation was committed to the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

15. Referred to "The George G. Solliday Missionary Committee."

16. Referred to the committee on missions.

17. Referred to the committee on missions.

18. The item was adopted, and the attention of the pastors and people is called to the claims of the Society.

19. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD AND THE SYNOD OF THE POTOMAC.

Friday morning the Classis entered upon the election of

delegates to the General Synod. In the election of ministerial delegates the tellers were Elders J. B. Leonard and W. C. Rose; in the election of lay delegates the tellers were Revs. Shuford Peeler and S. W. Beck.

The following ministers and elders were elected:

MINISTERS—*Primarii*: Joseph L. Murphy, D. D., Jacob C. Leonard, Calvin B. Heller, George A. Snyder. *Secundi*: Charles E. Wehler, Wm. B. Duttera, B. D., Ph. D., Jacob C. Clapp, D. D., James D. Andrew.

ELDERS—*Primarii*: L. R. Whitener, E. A. Rothrock, S. T. Wilfong, W. C. Rose. *Secundi*: J. C. Hileman, J. B. Leonard, D. C. Warlick, J. P. Rabb.

It was ordered that \$10 be paid to each delegate who attends the General Synod.

Saturday afternoon an election was held for delegates to the Synod of the Potomac. In the election of ministers the tellers were Elders J. C. Hileman and E. A. Rothrock. In the election of elders the tellers were Revs. W. H. Causey and F. Cromer.

The following ministers and elders were elected:

MINISTERS—*Primarii*: Jacob C. Leonard, George A. Snyder, Joseph L. Murphy, D. D., Samuel W. Beck, Wm. B. Duttera, B. D., Ph. D., J. M. Luther Lyerly, Ph. D., Charles E. Wehler. *Secundi*: Paul Barringer, Walter W. Rowe, James D. Andrew, Joshua L. Bowers, John A. Foil, Ph. D., David E. Bowers, John H. Keller.

ELDERS—*Primarii*: J. B. Leonard, D. C. Warlick, S. T. Wilfong, W. C. Rose, E. A. Rothrock, J. C. Sheppard, L. R. Whitener. *Secundi*: I. T. Hedrick, J. C. Hileman, J. P. Rabb, J. W. Foil, T. W. S. Grimes, G. F. Bost, W. R. Ingle.

Classis directed that \$10 be paid to each delegate who attends the meeting of Potomac Synod.

ARTICLE XII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

On Friday morning the committee on the Minutes of Synod

presented the following report:

1. Elder L. H. Moose was present at Synod.
2. The Classes are requested to hold meetings in the interest of Education.
3. The attention of the Classes is called to the urgent necessity of impressing pastors and people with the need of young men for the ministry.
4. Action respecting the Messenger and Quarterly Review.
5. Synod enjoins upon the several Classes to accept all the apportionments sent down.
6. Certain action respecting Franklin and Marshall College.
7. Instructions to the Stated Clerks.
8. Instructions to Classes concerning Catawba College.
9. Classes are urged to assume and pay all the apportionments for Home Missions and the six cents a member for Church Building.
10. Classes are urged to support the Foreign Board in the effort to erect buildings for North Japan College.
11. Observance of Home and Foreign Missionary days is commended.
12. Action respecting the History of the Japan Mission.
13. Arrearages of the Classes.
14. Apportionments.
15. Action concerning the Sunday Schools is referred to the Classes.
16. The ratio of the representation in the Synod is changed from 1 in 3 to 1 in 4.
17. Orphans' Homes are through the Classes recommended to the Churches.
18. The next annual meeting of Synod.
19. The attention of the Classis of North Carolina is called to items 1 and 7 of the report on minutes of Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

P. M. TREXLER,
J. H. SHUFORD,
J. C. SHEPPARD.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. It was ordered that \$18 be paid to Elder Moose in part payment of his expenses.

2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 were severally adopted.

9. Referred to the committee on Missions.

10, 11, 12 were adopted.

13. Resolved, That on account of the many and pressing demands made upon the treasury Classis does not see the way clear to make good her arrearage on Theological Seminary, and respectfully asks Synod to relieve the Classis of North Carolina of the payment of said arrearage.

14. Classis assumes \$700 for Home Missions, \$500 for Foreign Missions, \$25 for Theological Seminary, \$65 for Contingent Fund, \$78 for Catawba College.

Further action was taken as follows:

Resolved, That the cause of Hungarian and Bohemian Missions, work among the Germans, Harbor Missions, the Woman's College and the Science Building be commended to the favorable consideration of the pastors and congregations of the Classis.

15, 16, 17, 18, 19 were severally adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIII.

MISSIONS.

Saturday afternoon the committee on Missions presented the following report:

The committee on missions beg leave to report that the following items came before them for consideration:

1. An overture from Mt. Bethel asking aid to the extent of at least \$50.

We recommend that the request be granted on the following conditions: (a) That the same amount be given by the congregation; (b) That the mission be committed to the care of Rev. W. H. McNairy; (c) That the mission have at least monthly service.

2. A request from the Catawba Charge for \$100 to supplement the pastor's salary.

We recommend the following answer: In view of the pressing demands on Classis for money, we sincerely regret that we do not see our way clear to grant the request.

We recommend that a committee of supply be named, and that said committee be instructed to co-operate with the Joint Consistory of the charge to secure a regular pastor.

3. A request from the Guilford Charge asking supplement to the pastor's salary to the extent of \$100.

We recommend action as follows:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Classis is short of funds, due to the fact that some of the charges have not paid their apportionments, we do not see our way clear to grant the request.

We also recommend that a committee of supply be appointed.

4. An item from the minutes of Synod asking Classis to pay its apportionments in full.

We recommend that the amounts for Home and Foreign Missions, Contingent Fund and Catawba College be assumed entire, and that the favorable attention of the pastors and people be called to the other apportionments.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,
F. CROMER,
L. R. WHITENER.

The report was considered by items, the items severally adopted, and the report finally adopted as a whole.

The following were appointed a committee of supply for the Catawba Charge: Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. C. Clapp, D. D., and C. E. Wehler.

The committee of supply for the Guilford Charge consists of Revs. Shuford Peeler, D. E. Bowers and J. D. Andrew.

ARTICLE XIV.

NOMINATIONS.

The committee on Nominations reported Saturday afternoon as follows:

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows:

1. Because of other pressing duties Treasurer M. J. Rowe urgently requests that we elect some one else as Treasurer of Classis. We recommend the following:

Whereas, Mr. M. J. Rowe, Treasurer of the Classis of North Carolina, has tendered his resignation,

Resolved, That we regret the existence of circumstances which make it necessary for him to resign.

Resolved, That we recognize and appreciate the faithful and efficient services of Treasurer Rowe rendered the Classis in this official capacity.

We nominate for Treasurer Elder P. J. Leonard of Lexington.

2. On the Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home we nominate the following persons for a term of four years: Rev. S. W. Beck, Rev. W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., and L. M. Peeler; and to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser, Rev. Paul Barringer.

3. The Potomac Synod has nominated the following persons for Trustees of Catawba College to be elected by this Classis: Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., Paul Barringer, P. M. Trexler, D. D., and Messrs. A. A. Shuford, S. T. Wilfong and George McCorkle.

We recommend the election of these persons.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CAUSEY,

S. W. BECK.

The report was considered by items, each item was adopted, and the report was then adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XV.

RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

Saturday morning the committee on Religion and Statistics presented the following report which was received and adopted:
TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

The parochial reports reveal the beneficence of our Heavenly Father to our pastors and people the past year, and their profound gratitude for His rich blessings. Our borders have been enlarged by two new houses of worship, two new congregations organized and large accessions to a number of the churches. The liberality of the membership is seen in larger gifts for benevolence, pastors' salaries, congregational purposes, orphanages and education. The Gospel has been preached and the ordinances administered regularly and faithfully. Our older missions are approximating self-support, and the younger ones are growing and hopeful. The Sunday School work is especially active, and the reports are more complete. Three young men nearly through their seminary course and two nearly ready to enter make our contribution to the ministry. The progress of our orphanage is cheering. The contributions to it are numerous and hearty. Comparatively few of our members have died. All of the pastors have been spared. But three of our most aged and venerable Elders have gone to their reward. Elder John Hileman of New Gilead, full of years, full of good works, venerated and honored, has gone up higher. Elkanah Ramsour, the beloved and faithful Elder of Grace Church, has carried with him to the realms of the blessed the profoundest love and respect of the entire congregation and community. In the departure of Elder Daniel Huffman, St. Mark's Church has lost her most substantial pillar, an honest and upright man whose real worth can hardly be overestimated. Pleasant Retreat congregation, Upper Davidson Charge, mourns the loss of Elder P. I. Nifong, for many years the faithful Sunday School Superintendent, a great and good man, called away in the noon-tide of life.

Three vacant charges and eight ministers without charge

is a condition that ought not to exist.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. CLAPP,
J. H. KELLER,
RILEY INGLE.

The statistics will be found in the appendix.

ARTICLE XVI.

TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Saturday afternoon Classis entered upon the selection of the time and place of the next annual meeting. Bethel Reformed Church, of the East Rowan Charge, Gold Hill, N. C., was selected as the place, and Tuesday May 1st, A. D. 1906, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. as the time.

ARTICLE XVII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education Saturday afternoon submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your Board of Education reports that students W. S. Clapp, L. A. Peeler and Clarence Woods are under our care. Mr. W. S. Clapp is a student in Ursinus School of Theology. Mr. L. A. Peeler and Mr. Clarence Woods are students in Catawba College. Each received \$33. We ask that \$100 be apportioned for the coming year.

J. L. MURPHY,
J. C. CLAPP,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
S. T. WILFONG.

Friday afternoon the Trustees of Catawba College presented the following report:

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

The Trustees of Catawba College present the following statements for the consideration of your reverend body:

The Trustees at the annual meeting held last May by a

unanimous vote confirmed the election of Rev. George Albert Snyder as President of the College. President Snyder moved to Newton on the 16th of August, 1904, and opened school September 6th, 1904. Eighty-seven pupils were enrolled at the opening, and the enrollment at the present is ———. President Snyder was formally inaugurated September 30th, 1904. The following constitute the faculty for this year. G. A. Snyder, W. G. Slappy, W. R. Weaver, J. S. Garrison, J. B. Leonard, L. A. Peeler, Miss Rosa Rowe, Miss Mattie Garvin, Miss Bessie Hargett; Mrs. Mary Dellinger is matron.

The following from the report of the Finance Committee made May 19th, 1904, is submitted for information: General endowment fund, \$7,5000.00; Alumni endowment fund, \$3,000.00; endowment received from canvass of President Snyder, \$1,650.00; endowment for Theological department, \$15,000; building fund, \$2,718.00. Liabilities: Due teachers, \$793.00; due Roller fund, \$500.00; due N. I. Rowe, \$350.00; due Union cotton mills, \$600.00; due building fund, \$1,884.00; sundry accounts, \$94.00. Total, \$4,572.00.

\$5,000.00 has been added to the Theological fund and \$1,000.00 to the general endowment fund since that time. The interest on the Theological fund is to be used in mission work in North Carolina under the direction of a committee of Classis.

A house and lot just north of the College has been purchased for the sum of \$1,200.00. The house has been moved and joined to the matron's hall, and is now used for ladies' dormitories. The building of a house for the President has been deferred for the present; but it is hoped that work may begin on a new College building during the summer, and it is expected that ground for this building will be broken at the coming commencement.

The Potomac Synod at the last annual meeting nominated the following persons to serve as Trustees of the College for a term of three years: J. L. Murphy, Paul Barringer, P. M. Trexler, A. A. Shuford, S. T. Wilfong and George McCorkle. It

is the duty of this Classis to elect these persons.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH L. MURPHY,

President of the Trustees of Catawba College.

The report was referred to the committee on Education.

Saturday morning the committee on Education submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

Your committee on Education begs leave to submit the following report:

The only matter claiming the attention of your committee was the report of the Trustees of Catawba College. We recommend that the full report of the Board be incorporated in the minutes of Classis.

Resolved, That Classis learns with pleasure of the progress made and the bright prospects for the future of the College, and commends it heartily to the patronage of the membership within her bounds.

Resolved, That Classis learns with pleasure of the success which has attended the efforts of President Snyder in securing funds for the increase of the endowment.

Resolved, That Classis greatly appreciates the kindness of the donor of an additional gift of five thousand dollars for the purpose of giving theological instruction, and which is to be used under same conditions as those under which the previous fifteen thousand dollars was given, viz., that the interest accruing therefrom shall be used for missionary work within the bounds of North Carolina Classis until such time as a Theological department shall be established.

Respectfully submitted. Signed by all the members of the committee.

C. B. HELLER, Chairman.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Trustees of Catawba College be

requested to issue a circular letter setting forth the financial condition of the College, and that they send the said circular letter to the Stated Clerk who shall place one copy in each copy of the Minutes of Classis.

Resolved, That the attention of the Trustees be called to the fact that they should make an annual report to Classis.

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT.

The following is a supplementary statement from the report of the Treasurer of the Trustees of Catawba College for the year 1904-5, in response to the above resolution:

Old indebtedness of the College.....	\$ 3684.00
Balance due on Dr. Trexler property.....	1000.00
Due teachers to June 1st, 1905.....	535.00
Due on provisions to June 1st, 1905.....	295.00
Due Treasurer, the same advanced by him.....	<u>280.00</u>
	\$5794.00

Receipts from June 1st, 1904, to June 1st, 1905.

Interest on endowment.....	\$ 674.58
From Potomac Synod.....	1087.77
On tuition, board, &c.....	6113.88
From concert and other sources.....	<u>62.80</u>
	7939.03
Uncollected tuition and board, &c.....	<u>1200.00</u>
	\$ 9139.03

Disbursements.

Matron and help.....	\$ 227.80
Provisions.....	2108.10
Teachers 1903-4.....	805.00
Teachers 1904-5.....	3190.00
Fuel.....	227.27
Interest.....	112.00
Lumber and labor.....	394.93

Insurance -----	134.00
Rent -----	80.00
Traveling expenses -----	59.89
Advertising, periodicals, &c -----	110.78
Postage, stationery, &c -----	44.38
Merchants' accounts sundries -----	480.32
Treasurer's salary -----	100.00
Incidentals -----	248.40
Due Treasurer, cash report -----	116.60
	<u>\$8439.47</u>
	5794.00
	<u>\$14233.47</u>
	9139.93
Present indebtedness -----	<u>\$5093.54</u>

Extra Expenses of past year.

Purchasing house and lot -----	\$1200.00
Labor and lumber for improvements -----	394.93
	<u>\$1594.93</u>
General endowment -----	\$ 9150.00
Received on endowment from President Snyder ..	2000.00
Alumni endowment fund -----	2200.00
Received on Alumni fund -----	800.00
Endowment for Theological Professorship -----	20000.00
Building fund -----	3215.75
	<u>\$36,365.75</u>

ARTICLE XVIII.

FINANCE.

The committee on Finance reported Saturday night. The report was adopted and is as follows:

Having examined the Treasurer's report and compared the vouchers with the same, we find it correct and recommend its adoption.

Treasurer's Report.

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

I beg leave to make my annual report for the year 1904-5 as follows:

RECEIPTS.

CHARGES	Conting't Fund	Church Build'g	Beneficiary	Education	Catawba	College	Foreign Miss'ns	Theological Seminary	Home Missions	Harbor	Missions
Balance in Treasury	85 72	26 10	7 00	15	51	16	25 30	365 67			
Hickory	16 00	17 00	7 00	6 50	35 00	1 75		80 00		2 00	
Guilford											
Central Rowan	10 00	11 25	4 50	4 00	22 50	1 25		55 00		1 25	
West Rowan	12 50	13 75	5 50	5 00	27 50	1 50		60 00		1 50	
East Rowan	15 00	16 25	6 50	5 30	32 50	1 50		80 00		1 75	
Lincoln	23 00	25 00	10 00	9 00	50 00	2 50		102 00		2 50	
Newton	13 50	15 00	6 00	5 50	30 00	1 50		65 00		1 50	
New Gilead	19 50	21 00	8 50	7 50	42 50	2 00		90 00		2 00	
Salisbury	2 75	3 50	1 50	1 25	7 50	50		17 50		50	
Lexington	8 00	10 00	3 50	3 50	17 50	1 00		40 00		1 00	
Burlington	12 50	13 75	5 50	5 00	27 50	1 50		60 00		1 50	
Lower Davidson	12 00	13 00	5 00	2 82							
Upper Davidson	25 00	30 00	12 00	16 75	60 00	3 00		81 69		3 25	
High Point	3 25	3 75	1 50	1 25	7 50	50		15 00		50	
Concord	6 50	7 00	3 00	2 50	15 00	1 00		19 26		1 00	
Thomasville	11 50	12 50	5 00	4 50	25 00	1 25		52 50		1 25	
Catawba	10 00	11 00	4 50	4 00	22 50	1 00		47 50		1 00	
Bethel	3 75	4 50	1 50	1 50				50		18 16	
Grace	3 75	4 50	1 50	1 50				50		17 41	
Greensboro	1 00	1 25	50	50	2 50	50		10 00		50	
Mt. Bethel	1 00	1 25	50	50	2 50	50		5 00		50	
Lenoir	1 00	1 25	50	50	2 50	50		12 50		50	
Lenoir, interest	27 00										
Total	274 22	262 60	101 00	83 62	481 16	49 55	1294 19	25 00			

SPECIAL FUNDS.

Balance in Treasury,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 4.50
Grace Church, Newton, for Palatinate ch., Phila.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.00
Grace S. S., Newton, Children's Day offering,	-	-	-	-	-	-	8.60
First S. S., Lexington, Children's Day offering,	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.00
Ursinus S. S., Rockwell,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.30
Second S. S., Lexington, Children's Day offering	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.49
Bethel Congregation, E. Rowan Chg. Chil. Day offering	3.75						
Grace	"	"	"	"	"	"	6.70
Grace Church, Newton, designated,	-	-	-	-	-	-	19.22

Grace S. S., Newton,	-	-	-	-	-	19.08
Central Rowan Charge (Foreign Mission)	-	-	-	-	-	<u>7.10</u>
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 79.74

FOREIGN MISSIONS, SPECIAL.

Rev. H. E. Sechler,	-	-	-	-	\$ 50.00
East Rowan Charge, Emergency Fund,	-	-	-	-	100.00
Bethel S. S. East Rowan Charge for Bible Woman,	-	-	-	-	50.00
Grace S. S. Newton for Emergency Fund,	-	-	-	-	20.22
S. L. Rhyne, Executor Estate S. M. Finger,	-	-	-	-	500.00
High Point Mission, Emergency Fund,	-	-	-	-	3.15
East Rowan Charge, Special,	-	-	-	-	<u>18.52</u>
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$ 741.89

Private Subscriptions for Salisbury Mission.

Rev. J. H. Keller,	-	-	-	-	\$ 5.00
East Rowan Charge,	-	-	-	-	5.00
First Church, Lexington,	-	-	-	-	5.00
Grace Church, Newton,	-	-	-	-	5.00
Lenoir Mission,	-	-	-	-	5.00
Dr. J. C. Clapp,	-	-	-	-	<u>5.00</u>
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$30.00

Home Missions, Special.

East Rowan Charge,	-	-	-	-	\$ 9.30
Salisbury Mission,	-	-	-	-	8.00
S. L. Rhyne, Executor Estate S. M. Finger	-	-	-	-	<u>500.00</u>
Total,	-	-	-	-	\$ 517.30

Beneficiary Education, Special.

Ursinus Church, East Rowan Charge,	-	-	-	-	\$ 3.60
Grace	"	"	"	"	10.80
Bethel	"	"	"	"	<u>8.40</u>
					\$ 22.80

Recapitulation of Funds.

Contingent, - - - - -	\$ 274.22
Church Building, - - - - -	262.60
Beneficiary Education, - - - - -	123.80
Catawba College, - - - - -	83.62
Foreign Missions, - - - - -	1223.05
Theological Seminary, - - - - -	49.55
Home Missions, - - - - -	1811.49
Harbor Missions, - - - - -	25.00
Subscriptions for Salisbury Mission, - - - - -	30.00
Special Funds, - - - - -	79.74

Disbursements.

Paid out of Contingent Fund:

Printing Minutes of Classis,-----	\$ 109.10
Stated Clerk's salary and expenses,-----	35.22
Safe Deposit Box Rent,-----	4.00
Contingent Fund Potomac Synod,-----	65.00
Interest Science Hall Building,-----	25.00
Interest on Lenoir Note,-----	27.00
Interest on High Point Note,-----	24.00
Treasurer's Salary and Expenses,-----	<u>17.75</u>
Total,-----	\$307.07
Balance due Treasurer,-----	32.85

Paid out of Church Building Fund:

Bethany Church, Upper Davidson Charge,-----	\$ 50.00
On Lexington Loan,-----	100.00
On High Point Loan,-----	<u>100.00</u>
Total,-----	\$ 250.00
Balance in the Treasury,-----	12.60

Paid out of Beneficiary Education Fund:

W. S. Clapp, Student,-----	\$ 33.34
Clarence Woods, Student,-----	33.33

L. A. Peeler, Student,-----	33.33
Total,-----	\$ 100.00
Balance in the Treasury,-----	23.80
Paid out of Foreign Mission Fund:	
Dr. Joseph L. Lemberger,-----	\$509.90
Balance in the Treasury,-----	\$713.15
Paid out of Home Mission Fund:	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer,-----	\$894.20
Rev. Fred Cromer for Thomasville Charge,-----	15.00
Rev. W. H. McNairy for Mt. Bethel,-----	50.00
Rev. S. W. Beck for Catawba Charge,-----	100.00
Total,-----	\$1059.20
Balance in the Treasury,-----	752.29
Paid out of Special Funds:	
Dr. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer S. S. Board,---	\$ 33.34
Rev. H. E. Jones for Palatinate Church,-----	1.00
Oxford Orphanage,-----	19.22
St. Paul's Orphans' Home,-----	10.00
Bethany Orphans' Home-----	9.08
Total,-----	\$ 72.64
Balance in the Treasury,-----	7.10
Paid out of Catawba College Fund:	
Charles M. Wolf, Treasurer Potomac Synod,---	\$ 90.00
Balance due Treasury,-----	\$ 6.38
Paid out of Salisbury Mission Fund:	
John J. Nissley, Treasurer,-----	\$ 20.00
Balance in the Treasury,-----	\$ 10.00
Paid out of Theological Seminary Fund:	
John B. Roth, Treasurer,-----	\$ 25.00
Balance in the Treasury,-----	\$ 24.55
Arrearages:	
Guilford Charge, - - - - -	\$127.50

Lincoln Charge,-----	8.00
Lower Davidson Charge,-----	84.93
Upper Davidson Charge-----	28.31
Concord Charge,-----	13.24
Bethel-----	9.34
Grace-----	10.09

Outstanding Indebtedness:

Due the Lenoir Mission,-----	\$300.00
Due the Lexington Mission,-----	125.00
Due High Point Mission,-----	300.00
Due the Greensboro Mission,-----	<u>700.00</u>

Total,----- \$1425.00

Interest on hand from Missionary Fund,----- \$150.00

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. ROWE, Treasurer.

We recommend the following apportionments:

APPORTIONMENTS:

CHARGES	Conting't Fund	Church Build'g	Beneficiary	Education	Catawba	College	Foreign Miss'ns	Theological	Seminary	Home Missions
Hickory-----	20 00	32 00	7 00	6 50	35 00	1 75	65 00			
Gulford-----	13 00	20 00	5 00	2 00	20 00	1 00	39 00			
Central Rowan-----	11 00	19 00	4 50	3 50	22 50	1 25	40 00			
West Rowan-----	13 00	19 00	5 50	4 00	22 50	1 50	40 00			
East Rowan-----	18 00	27 00	6 00	5 00	70 00	1 50	60 00			
Lincoln-----	25 00	32 00	10 00	8 50	50 00	2 50	80 00			
Newton-----	16 00	27 50	7 00	5 50	30 00	1 50	43 00			
New Gilead-----	20 00	27 00	8 50	7 00	40 00	2 00	60 00			
Salisbury-----	3 50	6 50	1 50	1 25	7 50	50	8 00			
Lexington, First-----	8 50	18 00	3 50	2 00	17 50	1 00	25 00			
Lexington, Second-----	1 00	4 50	50	50	4 00	25	4 00			
Burlington-----	13 00	19 00	5 50	4 50	22 50	1 50	50 00			
Lower Davidson-----	12 00	17 00	5 00	3 00	15 00	1 00	35 00			
Upper Davidson-----	27 00	42 00	12 00	10 00	55 00	2 00	70 00			
High Point-----	4 00	8 00	1 50	1 25	7 50	50	10 00			
Concord-----	5 00	13 00	3 00	2 00	15 00	1 00	20 00			
Thomasville-----	11 50	17 00	5 00	3 00	20 00	75	30 00			
Catawba-----	10 00	17 00	4 50	4 00	20 00	1 00	30 00			
Bethel-----	4 00	9 00	1 50	1 50	7 50	50	15 00			
Grace-----	4 00	8 00	1 50	1 50	7 50	50	10 00			
Greensboro-----	1 25	4 50	50	50	4 00	50	7 00			
Mt. Bethel-----	1 00	4 00	50	25	2 00	50	1 00			
Lenoir-----	1 50	5 50	50	50	4 00	50	7 00			
Brookford-----	50	1 00	25	25	1 00	25	1 00			
Total-----	243 75	397 00	100 25	78 00	500 00	25 25	750 00			

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McNAIRY,

W. W. ROWE,

T. W. S. GRIMES.

ARTICLE XIX.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following are the statistics of the Sunday Schools of the Classis: 42 Sunday Schools, 429 officers and teachers; 4803 scholars; 216 in the Home Department; total 5415; 1913 average attendance; 1133 scholars in full membership of the Church; 533 baptised scholars, not confirmed; 186 scholars received as Church members; 1134 books in libraries; \$33 to the General Board; \$107 to other Boards; \$246 to other benevolent objects; \$1100 to the support of the schools.

ARTICLE XX.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

On Saturday afternoon the committee on Examination and Licensure offered the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on Examination and Licensure would report that no business came before the committee.

JOHN INGLE,
CHAS. E. WEHLER,
W. C. ROSE.

ARTICLE XXI.

ORPHANS' HOME.

The Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home presented the following report which was read and referred to the committee on Orphans' Home:

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—The Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home desires to make the following report:—In accordance with the Constitution and Regulations of the Home, the Board organized by electing J. M. L. Lysterly Chairman, W. B. Duttera Secretary, and J. H. Moose Treasurer. During the year a special meeting of the

Board was held at Rockwell on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in January 1905. At this meeting it was decided that a letter be sent to pastors relative to collecting the outstanding pledges, a notice sent to the Corinthian calling the attention of the pastors and people to the Orphanage work, and opening the way for the agent who was instructed to take up the canvass and push it as near to completion as possible until this meeting of Classis. The results of the work so far done, are \$4500 in cash and pledges. There are sixteen congregations yet to be canvassed, and when the way opens, it is hoped that quite an additional amount will be realized. Contrary to the expectations of the Board, comparatively little money has come into the hands of the Treasurer, and this accounts for the action of the Board, or rather the inaction. Plans were to be made and submitted to your body, but without the positive assurance of the actual cash, the plan committee, constituted by the Board, found it impracticable to present plans, or rather how to plan. The Board proposes to do only what it can pay for. The committee is to present plans with estimate of cost to an adjourned Board meeting to be held at call of chairman. As soon as plans may be adopted, it is the purpose of the Board to proceed to the execution of the same, and it is hoped that the Home may be open for the admission of children at a very early day.

The Board desires to call the attention of Classis to the action by Resolution of your body last year as recorded on page 369 of Minutes of Classis and enquire if the intents of that resolution were met; also to ask your body to reiterate that resolution and embody it in the next minutes of Classis.

So far, \$797.15 have come into the hands of the Treasurer and \$410.00 have been paid out for land; \$1.00 for the proper registering of the deed, and \$25 supply for the Central Rowan Charge, in the absence of its pastor, during his canvass for the Orphanage; leaving a cash balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$361.15.

The Board calls the attention of Classis to the fact that the

term of office of the following members expires with this meeting of Classis, also the resignation of Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser whose term will expire in two years. Those whose term expires at this meeting are Rev. S. W. Beck, Rev. Dr. W. B. Duttera and Bro. J. C. Lippard.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY.

Saturday afternoon the committee on Orphans' Home presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on Orphans' Home begs leave to report as follows:—The report of the Chairman of the Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home, the 41st annual report of Bethany Orphans' Home and a communication from the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home came into our hands. From the report of the Chairman of the Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home, we learn that progress is being made in the purchase of a site, collecting funds &c. We learn from the report and communication from Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home that that institution has had a successful year and is now in good condition. We commend the Bethany Orphans' Home to our people for support.

We would most heartily recommend that the work of collecting funds for the building of the Nazareth Home be carried forward.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,

S. W. BECK.

ARTICLE XXII.

PRESS REPORTS.

Saturday afternoon the committee on Press Reports presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on Press Reports begs leave to say that daily reports have been sent to the Charlotte Daily Observer.

J. L. MURPHY.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

In the election for President at the opening session Revs. J. L. Bowers and J. D. Andrew were appointed tellers.

The following resolution of thanks was adopted Saturday afternoon:

Resolved, That we the members of the Classis of North Carolina express our heartfelt gratitude to the members of the First Reformed Church of Lexington and other friends of the town for their kind and hospitable entertainment in their homes, and for the pleasure of meeting in their beautiful new church.

Elder D. W. Moore of Concord was excused from further attendance after Thursday evening.

✓ The Second Reformed Church of Lexington was committed to the care of Rev. J. C. Leonard.

The Stated Clerk's salary and expenses \$35.47 and the Treasurer's salary and expenses \$17.70 were referred to the committee on Finance for apportionment; also the following sums: Arrearages in the contingent fund, \$32.85; arrearages in Catawba College Fund, \$6 38; \$50 for printing the Minutes of Classis; \$100 for the loan at Lexington; \$100 for the loan at High Point; \$18 for interest on the High Point loan.

Revs. W. H. Causey, Fred Cromer and J. C. Leonard were appointed a committee of supply for the Lower Davidson Charge.

The following were appointed the permanent committee on Sunday Schools: Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and S. W. Beck.

The third Sunday in September was designated as the time at which the pastors are to preach on the subject of the need of young men for the ministry.

Friday afternoon the following committee was appointed on leave of absence: Revs. S. W. Beck, W. W. Rowe and Elder E. A. Rothrock. This committee presented its report Saturday afternoon, which was received and adopted as follows:

Your committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that the following have been excused: Revs. John Ingle, Paul Barringer, J. H. Keller, M. L. Hedrick, W. B. Duttera, J. C. Clapp; Elders C. W. Yost, David Imbler, T. W. S. Grimes, Andrew Crotts, I. T. Hedrick, J. P. Rabb, H. C. Corriher, J. W. Foil.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. BECK,
W. W. ROWE.

Mr. J. T. Hedrick presented to the Classis an invitation to the members to visit the club rooms of the Iroquois Club in the post office building at their pleasure. The following action was taken:

Resolved, That we hereby express our thanks to the Iroquois Club for the kind proffer of their rooms, and that we cheerfully accept the invitation.

The request of Rev. H. E. Sechler to be excused from attendance at this meeting of Classis was granted.

The balance due on \$400 pledged in 1899 on the Salisbury Church debt amounting to \$126.11 was referred to the committee on Finance for apportionment.

The Board of Education consists of Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elders S. T. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Classis having finished the transaction of all business, the roll was called and all persons not previously excused

answered to their names. The minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved. The members of Classis joined in the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and the Doxology, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. G. A. Snyder.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Classis adjourned finally Saturday night at 10:25 o'clock, to meet in Bethel Reformed Church, East Rowan Charge, Gold Hill, N. C., May 1st, A. D. 1906, at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

J. L. BOWERS, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

FIRST SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed Church, Newton, N. C., October 3rd, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m. in obedience to the following call:

Newton, N. C., Sept. 19th, 1904. Dear Brother:—The Classis of North Carolina will convene in Grace Church, Newton, Oct. 3rd, 1904, at 2 o'clock p. m.: 1. To receive Rev. Charles E. Wehler from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, and to confirmed a call to him from Grace Church, Newton, and provide for his installation. 2. To receive Rev. George A. Snyder from Maryland Classis.

Fraternally yours.

J. C. CLAPP, President.

The following members were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., and S. W. Beck; Elders S. T. Wilfong and T. L. Hunsucker. Rev. S. W. Beck was appointed Stated Clerk pro tem. Devotional services were conducted by the President. The items of the

call were disposed of as follows:

1. A proper certificate dismissing Rev. Chas. E. Wehler from Philadelphia Classis, Eastern Synod, having been placed in the hands of Classis, he was received and his name placed on the roll of ministers. The call from Grace congregation, Newton, to Rev. C. E. Wehler being found in order was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to install him pastor: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., and C. B. Heller.

2. A proper certificate dismissing Rev. George A. Snyder from Maryland Classis being before Classis, he was received and his name placed on the roll of ministers.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction by the President.

J. C. CLAPP, President.

S. W. BECK, Stated Clerk pro tem.

SECOND SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in the First Reformed Church of Greensboro October 29th, 1904, at 7:30 o'clock p. m. in obedience to the following call:

Newton, N. C., October 10th, 1904. Dear Brother:—The Classis of North Carolina is called to meet in the Reformed Church, Greensboro, on the 29th inst. at 7:30 o'clock p. m. to consider 1. The reception of Rev. Frederick Cromer from the Classis of Eastern Ohio, Synod of Ohio. 2. A call to Rev. Fred Cromer from the Thomasville Charge and provision for his installation.

Fraternally yours,

J. C. CLAPP, President.

D. E. Bowers was chosen President pro tem., and conducted the devotional services. The following members were present: Revs. D. E. Bowers, Shuford Peeler, J. D. Andrew and J. C. Leonard and Elders J. T. Long, C. W. Yost and J. C. Sheppard.

The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1. Rev. Frederick Cromer was received from the Classis

of Eastern Ohio, Synod of Ohio, and his name placed on the roll of ministers. Mr. Cromer being present took his seat in Classis.

2. The call to Rev. Frederick Cromer from the Thomasville Charge being found in order was confirmed, and the following committee was appointed to conduct the installation:

Revs. J. C. Leonard, W. H. Causey and Shuford Peeler.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction.

D. E. BOWERS, President pro tem.

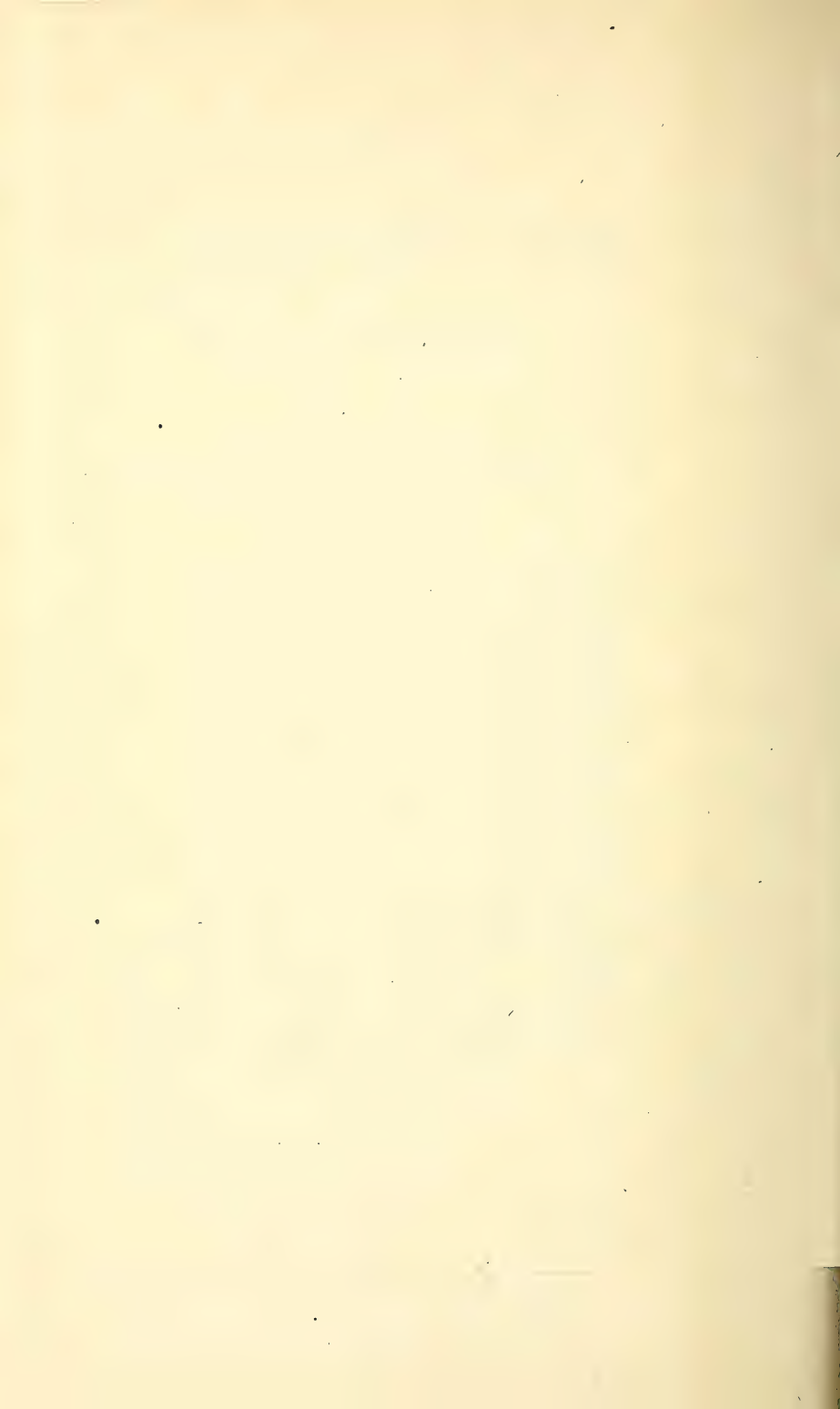
J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Statistical Report of North Carolina Classis Synod of the Potomac Reformed Church in the U. S., for the year ending May 3rd, A. D. 1905.

I hereby certify that these statistics are carefully and officially prepared.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS	NAMES OF CHARGES OR CONGREGATIONS	No. of Congregations	MEMBERS			ADDITIONS				LOSSES		SUNDAY SCHOOLS			CONTRIBUTIONS			POST OFFICE ADDRESS		
			Communicants	Communed	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificates or Renewal of Profession	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Erease of Names	Deaths	Communicants	Unconfirmed	No. of Scholars and Teachers	No. of Officers		Benefvolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	Minutes of Synod Wanted
John Ingle	Without Charge																		Green Park, N. C.	
Michael L. Hedrick	Without Charge																		Silver Hill, N. C.	
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	Grace	1	70	56	22					1		1	1	7	40	\$	115	\$ 175	8 Newton, N. C.	
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.	Without Charge																		R. D. 6, Salisbury, N. C.	
John A. Foil, Ph. D.	Without Charge																		Newton, N. C.	
Paul Barringer	Without Charge																		Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	
Joseph L. Murphy, D. D.	Corinth, Hickory	1	204	174	57	18	2	16	2	13	1	1	1	12	119	800	1406	10	Hickory, N. C.	
Jacob C. Leonard	First, Lexington	1	110	97	42	6	7	18	14	1				12	230	311	848	8	Lexington, N. C.	
J. M. Luther Lyerly, Ph. D.	Central Rowan	4	226	223	241	25	1	7	2	6		1	1	43	562	387	460	25	Crescent, N. C.	
James D. Andrew	Burlington	3	246	180	52	3	14	15	18	6	10	5	3	23	567	147	715	20	Burlington, N. C.	
Julius H. Shuford	Without Charge																		Hickory, N. C.	
William H. McNairy	Zion's, Lenoir	1	30	27	15	7		5	5				1	5	51	150	400	5	Lenoir, N. C.	
Clarence Clapp	Without Charge																		China Grove, N. C.	
Henry E. Sechler	Without Charge																		Seabreeze, Fla.	
Joshua L. Bowers	West Rowan	2	289	263	125	16	1	8	4	7	2	1	4	2	27	274	165	401	8	China Grove, N. C.
John H. Keller	New Gilead	3	287	175	225	14	17	7	12	1	1	4	2	3	35	247	550	950	24	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
William B. Duttnar, B. D., Ph. D.	Faith, Salisbury	1	61	42	37				13		3					66	58	670	5	Salisbury, N. C.
David E. Bowers	First, High Point	1	96	37	33		3	3	9	2	2		1			37	70	125	5	High Point, N. C.
Samuel W. Beck	Trinity, Concord	1	45	74	51	7	3		4	2			1	12	81	82	862	6	Concord, N. C.	
Walter W. Rowe	East Rowan	3	140	110	200	21	2	36	30	6	6	3	3	39	544	2	604	790	18	Rockwell, N. C.
Calvin B. Heller	Lincoln	4	346	281	167	19		14	4	8	4	12	3	26	191	410	330	722	24	R. D. 1, Lexington, N. C.
William H. Causey	Upper Davidson	4	355	198	89	18	8	25	5	6	6	12	3	37	410			1883	8	Greensboro, N. C.
Shuford Peeler	First, Greensboro	1	27	24	7	2	1	1	5	2			1	12	131				Rockwell, N. C.	
Allen R. Holshouser, M. D.	Without Charge																		9 Newton, N. C.	
Charles E. Wehler	Grace, Newton	1	161	132	90	2	1	12	13	3		2	1	18	136	212	1334	16	Newton, N. C.	
George Albert Snyder	Pres. Catawba College																		16 Thomasville, N. C.	
Frederick Cromer	Thomasville	3	180	120		3	1		1			2	1	20	210	113	45	20	R. D. 2, Lexington, N. C.	
Vacant	Lower Davidson	5	260	225	75	2	4	11				2	2	20	262	202	12	12	Lamont, N. C.	
Vacant	Gulffort	1	26			1	16	62		3	3		1			113	388	12	Conover, N. C.	
Vacant	Catawba	4	235	176	163	8		11	3	2		1	1	9	65	35	34	3	Blowing Rock, N. C.	
W. H. McNairy, supply	Mt. Bethel, Blowing Rock	1	89	69	32	2		5			2		1	8	69	48	102	4	R. D. 1, Hickory, N. C.	
Vacant	Bethel	1	75	30	2		14	16	24	2		1	1	9	119			4	Lexington, N. C.	
J. C. Leonard, supply	Second, Lexington																		Hickory, N. C.	
J. L. Murphy, supply	Brookford	1	15		2															
		50	4229	3105	1718	180	78	281	173	85	19	35	1142	426	5630	3	\$4930	\$14,270	287	



Total Statistical Summary of Potomac Synod for the year A. D. 1904.

NAMES OF CLASSES		MEMBERS			ADDITIONS			LOSSES			SUNDAY SCHOOLS		CONTRIBUTIONS								
		Communicants			Communed	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Certificate or Renewal of Profession	Dismissed	Excommunicated Names	Deaths Communicants	Deaths Unconfirmed	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	Students for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	Minutes of Synod Wanted
No. of Classes	No. of Ministers	Congregations																			
1	19	39	5617	4474	3145	297	41	315	207	114	57	92	51	37	612	6091	1	\$14946 00	\$32713 00		
1	57	65	10891	8566	6063	559	62	434	247	164	96	190	77	61	1160	8487	7	42817 00	81937 00		
1	12	24	3459	2591	1021	97	32	92	10	82	59	49	11	18	361	2080	1	5046 00	31442 00		
1	19	34	2700	2215	1249	63	45	111	45	33	16	50	16	28	312	1964	3	3241 00	12043 00		
1	25	48	3954	2906	1889	200	101	251	101	161	3	21	26	6	41	395	4076	9	3140 00	12201 00	
1	30	29	6186	5348	3254	292	20	247	113	109	55	88	38	29	471	3491	7	6338 00	41399 00		
1	14	21	2367	1930	1086	78	18	87	42	54	96	43	20	20	323	2156	3	3667 00	11544 00		
1	20	53	6346	4913	3021	211	50	210	221	95	41	84	31	41	613	4498	1	18511 00	46308 00		
	8	176	313	41520	32943	20717	1780	369	1750	1081	762	3	622	250	275	4245	33043	32	\$97706 00	\$263589 00	
	Total																				

Total Statistical Summary for Eight Synods for the year A. D. 1904.

SYNODS.																				
Eastern Synod																				
12	329	553	108610	86089	54607	5497	594	4812	3322	1936	21904	957	989	580	10575	88087	66	\$118970 00	\$634569 00	
Ohio Synod																				
6	148	232	26736	21801	5579	704	550	1190	1017	552	7	846	390	88	215	3282	23316	28	57860 00	148127 00
Synod of N. West																				
12	177	228	24001	16827	15008	1649	24	1194	783	392	7	457	327	177	212	1587	12736	39	23535 00	140922 00
Pittsburg Synod																				
5	96	162	20139	16923	10765	1128	176	884	878	526	596	348	192	139	1768	12987	5	35889 00	186334 00	
Potomac Synod																				
8	176	313	41520	32943	20717	1780	369	1750	1081	762	3	622	250	275	4245	33043	32	97706 00	263587 00	
German Synod of East																				
4	67	88	13953	12751	10332	1739	31	984	1256	75	501	153	185	68	1117	11561	4	10633 00	130558 00	
Central Synod																				
5	107	123	23727	17297	12463	1240	104	1126	810	223	10	662	362	182	110	1802	13574	14	22964 00	111385 00
Synod of Interior																				
5	54	62	3379	2374	1185	126	137	217	158	117	163	37	14	57	702	4307	4	6808 00	33611 00	
Total																				
57	1154	1731	261017	207205	130956	13863	1985	12157	9505	4511	295670	4196	2007	1646	25077	197211	192	\$381335 00	\$649066 00	

MINUTES OF THE CLASSIS

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REFORMED CHURCH

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SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSIONS

held in

BETHEL REFORMED CHURCH, Stanly County,

MAY 8th to 12th, 1906.

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Officers of the Classis.

PRESIDENT: Rev. C. B. Heller,-----Maiden, N. C.
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STATED CLERK: Rev. J. C. Leonard, -----Lexington, N. C.
COR. SECRETARY: Rev. Shuford Peeler,---Greensboro, N. C.
READING CLERK: Rev. S. W. Beck,-----Concord, N. C.
TREASURER: Rev. W. H. McNairy,-----Lenoir, N. C.

SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSIONS.

Acts and Proceedings

of the

CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA

of the

Reformed Church in the United States.

ARTICLE I. .

OPENING OF CLASSIS.

The Classis of North Carolina, Synod of the Potomac, Reformed Church in the United States, met in seventy-sixth annual sessions in Bethel (Bear Creek) Reformed church, Stanly county, North Carolina, Tuesday May 8th, A. D. 1906, at 3:30 o'clock P. M. In the absence of the President, Rev. J. L. Bowers, by appointment of the Stated Clerk the opening sermon was preached by Rev. Jacob C. Clapp, D. D., from Matt. 5:16. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." The Classis was duly constituted. The Stated Clerk called the roll of ministers and the provisional roll of elders and a quorum was found present.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Ministers: J. C. Clapp, D. D., Paul Barringer, J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. C. Leonard, J. M. L. Lyerly. Ph. D., J. D. Andrew, J. H. Shuford, W. H. McNairy, J. L. Bowers, S.

W. Beck, W. W. Rowe, C. B. Heller, W. H. Causey, Shuford Peeler, G. A. Snyder, D. D., and L. W. Showers.

Elders: D. H. Hinkle, First, Lexington; Alexander Holshouser, Central Rowan; A. M. Shepard, Burlington; J. J. Gall, Lenoir; J. L. Holshouser, West Rowan; Dr. A. W. Moose, New Gelead; G. H. Peeler, East Rowan; J. C. Warlick, Lincoln; J. P. Long, Upper Davidson; J. F. Troxler, Greensboro; T. W. S. Grimes, Thomasville; Allen Hedrick, Lower Davidson; W. A. Welker, Guilford; J. L. Eaves, Brookford; J. M. Clampett, Grace; J. M. Shuford, Hickory; J. E. Wilfong, Bethel.

The following members appeared at later sessions and took their seats: Wednesday morning, Rev. J. H. Keller. Wednesday afternoon, Rev. C. E. Wehler; Elder E. P. Shrum, Newton; Rev. W. B. Duttera, Ph. D. Thursday afternoon, Rev. D. E. Bowers; Elder W. T. Riggins, First, High Point; Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D., Elder J. Lawson Peck, Concord.

The following charges were not represented by elders: Catawba, Mt. Bethel, Second at Lexington, Bethel at High Point, Salisbury.

The following ministers were absent: John Ingle, M. L. Hedrick, J. A. Foil, H. E. Sechler, A. R. Holshouser, M. D.

The following ministers were absent without reporting: M. L. Hedrick, H. E. Sechler, A. R. Holshouser.

Advisory members: Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, Reading Classis, Eastern Synod; Rev. A. Shulenberger, Virginia Classis. Elders W. A. Lyerly, J. F. Moose, P. A. Peeler, W. R. Misenheimer, J. W. Foil, G. H. Boger.

Visiting ministers: Revs. C. R. Pless, and Clifford Fisher of the Lutheran church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing Classiscal year: Rev. C. B. Heller, President; Rev. J. H. Shuford, Vice-President; Rev. Shuford Peeler, Corresponding Secretary; Rev. S. W. Beck, Reading Clerk; Rev. W. H. McNairy, Treasurer. Rev. J. C. Leonard is Stated Clerk.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The reading of the Rules of Order was dispensed with. The President defined the bar of the house to be the pews to the right and left and three in front of the chancel. The following hours were fixed for opening and closing the sessions of Classis: meet at 9 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 5 o'clock P. M., with a recess of one hour after the 11 o'clock service.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President announced the following standing committees:

1. Religious Services: Revs. W. W. Rowe, Shuford Peeler, and Elder G. H. Peeler.
2. Minutes of Classis: Revs. J. C. Leonard, Paul Barringer and Elder W. A. Welker.
3. Minutes of General Synod: Revs. G. A. Snyder, J. L. Murphy and Elder A. W. Moose.
4. Minutes of Potomac Synod: Revs. J. M. L. Lyerly, S. W. Beck and Elder John P. Long.
5. Overtures: Revs. W. H. Causey, Shuford Peeler and Elder J. C. Warlick.
6. Examination and Licensure: Revs. J. C. Clapp, Paul Barringer and Elder D. H. Hinkle.
7. Nominations: Revs. S. W. Beck, J. L. Bowers and Elder A. M. Shepard.
8. Finance: Revs. W. H. McNairy, W. W. Rowe and Elder John F. Troxler.
9. Education: Revs. L. W. Showers, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elder T. W. S. Grimes.
10. Missions: Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Bowers and Elder Allen Hedrick.
11. Religion and Statistics: Revs. J. L. Bowers, J. D. Andrew and Elder J. J. Gall.

12. Orphans' Home: Revs. Shuford Peeler, L. W. Showers and Elder J. L. Holshouser.

13. Press Reports: Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp and Elder J. L. Eaves.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. Copies of the Minutes of Classis, Potomac Synod and General Synod were placed in the hands of the proper standing committees.

2. The report of the Treasurer, Mr. P. J. Leonard, was read and referred to the following special committee to audit: Revs. Paul Barringer, D. E. Bowers and Elder E. P. Shrum.

3. The report of the President of the Trustees of Catawba College was read and referred to the committee on Education.

4. The reports of the Boards of Missions were referred to the committee on Missions.

5. The report of the President of the Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home was read and referred to the committee on Orphans' Home.

6. Various other communications were received and referred to the committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The sessions of each day were opened and closed with religious services, The committee on Religious Services made the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on Religious Services beg leave to submit the following report:

OPENING SERVICE.

Tuesday, May 8, 3:30, P. M.

Sermon by Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., assisted by Rev. J. H. Shuford.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE.

Wednesday, May 9, 11 A. M.

Rev. J. H. Keller, presiding.

The Higher Education of our Boys and Girls, Rev. G. A. Snyder, D. D.

The Education of our Orphans, Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph.D.

HOME MISSION SERVICE.

Thursday, May 10, 11 A. M.

Rev. S. W. Beck, presiding.

Prospective Mission Points, Rev. J. C. Leonard.

Our Home Mission Work, Rev. T. M. Yundt.

CENTENNIAL SERVICE.

Friday, May 11, 11 A. M.

Rev. W. B. Duttera, presiding.

History of the congregation, Rev. W. W. Rowe.

Remarks, by Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D.

Idle Comments from Former Pastors, Revs. Heller, Barringer, McNairy and Crooks.

HISTORICAL SERVICE.

Saturday, May 12, 11 A. M.

Rev. L. W. Showers, presiding.

Reformed What? and Why? Rev. C. E. Wehler.

Preparatory Service, Rev. D. E. Bowers.

Sunday, May 13, 10 A. M.

Addresses by Revs. Beck and Causey.

Public Worship, 11 A. M.

Rededication of the Church and Holy Communion.

Sermon by Rev. J. D. Andrew.

Sermon, 2 P. M. Rev. C. B. Heller.

Sermon in the Grove, 11 A. M., Rev. P. M. Trexler, D. D.

Sermon in the Grove, 2 P. M., Rev. G. A. Snyder, D. D.

W. W. ROWE,

J. H. Shuford,

G. H. Peeler.

ARTICLE VIII.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Wednesday morning Classis proceeded to the hearing of

parochial reports. These reports were read by the several ministers of Classis and were then referred to the committee on Religion and Statistics. The elders of the charges answered the constitutional questions.

ARTICLE IX.

MINUTES OF CLASSIS.

Friday morning the committee on the Minutes of Classis made the following report:

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:—The committee on the Minutes of Classis beg leave to present the following report:

1. Page 408. The interest at Cross Roads, Cabarrus county, was continued in the care of Rev. W. W. Rowe with instructions to organize a congregation if desirable.

2. Page 408. Certain arrearages due for a special meeting of Classis were to be paid to the Stated Clerk and by the latter were to be paid to the Treasurer of Nazareth Orphans' Home.

3. Page 409. The Board of Editors to prepare a history of the Reformed Church in North Carolina reported progress and was continued.

4. Page 411. Rev. W. H. Causey was authorized to organize a congregation at Waughtown.

5. Page 411. The interests at Lincolnton and Gastonia were committed to the care of Revs. C. B. Heller, J. L. Murphy, and J. C. Clapp.

6. Page 416. The following committee was appointed to install Rev. S. W. Beck pastor of Trinity Church, Concord: Revs. W. W. Rowe, J. H. Keller and Paul Barringer.

7. Page 416. The George G. Solliday Missionary Committee consist of the following: Rev. G. A. Snyder one year, Rev. J. C. Clapp two years, Elder M. J. Rowe three years.

8. Page 417. The church at Brookford was placed in the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

9. Page 420. The church at Blowing Rock was committed to the care of Rev. Wm. H. McNairy.

10. Page 420. An appropriation of \$50 was made to Mt. Bethel Mission, Blowing Rock, on conditions.

11. Page 421. The committee of supply for the Catawba Charge consists of Revs. J. A. Foil, J. C. Clapp and C. E. Wehler.

12. Page 421. The committee of supply for the Guilford Charge consists of Revs. Shuford Peeler, D. E. Bowers and J. D. Andrew.

13. Page 437. The Second Church of Lexington was committed to the care of Rev. J. C. Leonard.

14. Page 437. The committee of supply for the Lower Davidson Charge consists of Revs. W. H. Causey, F. Cromer and J. C. Leonard

15. Page 437. The permanent committee on Sunday Schools consists of Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and S. W. Beck.

16. Page 438. The Board of Education consists of Revs. J. L. Murphy, J. C. Clapp, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elders S. T. Wilfong and M. J. Rowe.

17. Special. The committee to examine applicants for the George G. Solliday beneficiary education fund consists of Revs. J. L. Murphy, C. B. Heller and G. A. Snyder.

18. Special. Revs. W. H. Causey, D. E. Bowers and J. C. Leonard were appointed to install Rev. L. W. Showers pastor of the Thomasville Charge.

19. Special. \$100 was appropriated to the Lower Davidson Charge on conditions.

20. Special. Bethel Church, High Point, was placed in charge of Rev. D. E. Bowers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD,
PAUL BARRINGER,
W. A. WELKER.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. The following report was received and adopted:

A congregation was organized at this place October 29,

1905, with 17 members under the name of Boger Reformed Church. The church was dedicated April 29, 1906. A flourishing Sunday School is in operation and the outlook bright for a growing congregation.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. ROWE.

Elder J. A. Watts of this congregation was admitted to a seat. The interests of this congregation were referred to the committee on reconstruction in the Central District.

2. The following report was received and adopted:

The Stated Clerk begs leave to make the following report: The amount of twenty-two cents came into his hands, and this sum was paid to Jno. H. Mosse, Treasure of Nazareth Orphans' Home.

J. C. LEONARD, STATED CLERK.

3. The following report was received and adopted.

TO THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:—In the absence of Rev. Dr. Clapp, the Editor-in-chief, I wish to state that the historical work is proceeding well. The bulk of the work has been finished a long time. At this time the local history of a few congregations is lacking, but we hope to secure this soon. Publication has purposely been delayed in order that all essential facts may be secured.

J. C. LEONARD,

Assistant Editor.

4. The following report was received and adopted:

WAUGHTOWN MISSION 1905-1906.

DEAR BRETHREN. On September the 8th 1905, we organized a congregation at Waughtown, North Carolina, with a membership of fourteen.

We have not taken any active steps towards building, because we have been waiting for the action of the Board of Home Missions with reference to this place.

Since the organization was effected we have been preaching in the Baptist church of Waughtown as much as we could for our people.

The congregation as such has no contribution for Classis

since practically all the members contributed their moneys through Hebron congregation up until this time.

Our members at Waughtown are excellent people, loyal to the Reformed church, in high esteem by the people of the town, and very anxious for a church of their own in which to worship God.

Very respectfully,

W. H. CAUSEY.

The congregation at Waughtown was committed to the care of Rev. W. H. Causey.

5. The following report was received and adopted:

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your committee appointed to look after the interest of the Reformed church in Gastonia and Lincolnton, beg leave to submit the following report:

The chairman made a through canvass of the town of Gastonia, and while at the time the prospect seemed favorable, in a short time thereafter members moved away to such an extent that your committee did not deem it advisable to take further action in the matter. At present there are but four confirmed members living in the town of Gastonia.

As to the town of Lincolnton your committee would recommend the following:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Home Missions be overtured to enroll Lincolnton and place a missionary on the ground.

C. B. HELLER.

J. L. MURPHY.

The committee consisting of Revs. C. B. Heller, J. L. Murphy and J. C. Clapp was continued.

6. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee appointed to install Rev. S. W. Beck pastor of Concord Charge report the duty attended to July 9th, 1905, by all the members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. ROWE,

PAUL BARRINGER,

J. H. KELLER.

7. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee on the "Mrs. Rebecca Solliday Church Building Fund" beg leave to report as follows:

We have loaned \$300.00 to the Classis for the Lenoir Mission; we now have on hand about \$500.00 which has been promised to the Greensboro Mission.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. SNYDER,
J. C. CLAPP,
M. J. ROWE.

The vacancy in committee was referred to the committee on Nominations.

8. The parochial report was read.

The Brookford Church was committed to the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy.

9. The following report was received and adopted.

I beg leave to report that I preached at Blowing Rock thirty-seven times during the year and held two communions.

W. H. McNAIRY.

10. The conditions were complied with and the money paid.

11. The following report was received and adopted:

To the Classis of North Carolina,

DEAR BRETHREN:

Your committee appointed to supply the Catawba Charge beg leave to report that regular preaching was held at the several churches comprising the charge. The Rev. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., supplied St. John's and Conover, Dr. Clapp Smyrna, and the Rev. Chas. E. Wehler St. Paul's Starrtown. The several congregations have had pastoral oversight so far as it was possible to give it under the circumstances and the work has accordingly prospered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. FOIL,
J. C. CLAPP,
C. E. WEHLER.

12. The following report was received and adopted:

As chairman of the committee of supply for the Guilford Charge, I beg leave to submit the following report:

I have preached as often during the year as it was possible for me to do. I assisted in the special services that were held in both congregations last summer. During the fall and winter I preached at least four times to each congregation. Revs. J. D. Andrew and D. E. Bowers have preached some. The attendance is generally good. The people have been very zealous in trying to secure Bro. H. A. M. Holshouser as their pastor, and just last Saturday the joint consistory met and were ready to sign a call at \$600. But just about the time they were ready to send this call the fact was revealed that this Brother's services could not be secured. It is hoped that a pastor may soon be secured for those worthy people.

Respectfully submitted,

SHUFORD PEELER,
D. E. BOWERS,
J. D. ANDREW.

The interests of the Guilford Charge were referred to the committee on Missions.

13. The following report was received and adopted:

I beg leave to report that the Second Church of Lexington has received such attention as time would permit me to give. Four months last summer I had the assistance of Mr. J. Leidy Yearick, a student in the Seminary at Lancaster.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. LEONARD.

The Second Church of Lexington was committed to the care of Rev. J. C. Leonard.

14. The following report was received and adopted:

The committee of supply for the Lower Davidson Charge beg leave to make the following report:

Soon after appointment one member of the committee left the Classis. The others of the committee have held occasional services, and Rev. Paul Barringer held the spring

communions. Strenuous efforts have been made to secure a pastor. The field suffers badly. It offers a fine opportunity for service.

W. H. CAUSEY,
J. C. LEONARD.

The following committee of supply for the Lower Davidson Charge was appointed: Revs. W. H. Causey, L. W. Showers and J. C. Leonard.

15. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee on Sunday Schools begs leave to submit the following report:

43 Schools reported this year. These reports show 454 officers and teachers, 5226 scholars in the main School and 193 in the Home Department, 2066 average attendance, 1549 scholars in full membership of the Church, 720 baptized, but not confirmed, 174 scholars received into the Church during the year, 894 books in libraries, \$736 given to benevolence and \$986 to the support of the Schools. 25 of the Schools remain open all the year, the rest 9 months, and 35 of them use Reformed Church literature. In the Annual report of the S. S. Board of the General Synod referred to your committee we learn that the Board urges the consideration of ways and means to increase the membership of the Sunday Schools to 175,000. Your committee most earnestly urges the pastors, consistories and members to enter heartily into this campaign that our Classis may share in this forward movement. We regret to see the Home Department falling back. We recommend to the workers the watchword suggested by the Board, viz:

1. An open Bible in every home.
2. Every School well organized.
3. A competent teacher in every class.
4. Every scholar prepared for the catchetical class and brought to Christ.
5. Direct touch through literature, the Classical committee,

and the Sunday School Convention, with every worker.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. ANDREW,
J. L. MURPHY,
S. W. BECK.

The following were elected members of the permanent committee on Sunday Schools:

Revs. J. D. Andrew, J. L. Murphy and S. W. Beck.

16. The following report was received and adopted:

The Board of Education reports that Clarence Woods and Lee Peeler have been under the care of your Board and have received aid to the extent of \$50.00 each.

J. L. MURPHY, Chairman.

The Board of Education was abolished, and the work of the Board was intrusted to the committee having in charge the Solliday Fund.

17. The following report was received and adopted:

The committee on the Solliday Beneficiary Education Fund beg leave to report that the following young men have been under the care of the committee:

Clarence Woods, C. C. Wagoner and Jacob Palmer.

Mr. Woods received \$50, Mr. Wagoner \$100 and Mr. Palmer \$75.

J. L. MURPHY,
GEORGE ALBERT SNYDER,
C. B. HELLER.

C. C. Wagoner and Jacob Palmer were received under the care of Classis as students for the ministry.

Revs. J. L. Murphy, C. B. Heller and G. A. Snyder were appointed the committee on the Solliday Beneficiary Education Fund.

18. The following report was received and adopted:

Your committee to install Rev. L. W. Showers pastor of Thomasville Charge, beg leave to report the duty attended

to November 20, 1905.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CAUSEY,
D. E. BOWERS,
J. C. LEONARD.

19. The conditions were not complied with and the money was not paid.

The sum of \$100 was appropriated to the Lower Davidson Charge provided a regular pastor be secured.

20. The following report was received and adopted:

I beg leave to submit the following report:

I preached two Sunday evenings each month, and conducted a mid-week prayer meeting. This work is in good condition, and the outlook for the future is bright. We are preparing to build a new church this summer. A new church is greatly needed for the large and growing Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

D. E. BOWERS.

Bethel Church of High Point was committed to the care of Rev. D. E. Bowers.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE X.

OVERTURES.

Beginning Wednesday afternoon, and from time to time after that, the committee on Overtures reported the items referred to them. The report as a whole follows:

The committee on Overtures beg leave to submit to your body the following report:

1. A request from Mt. Carmel congregation of the Lower Davidson Charge for Classis to appoint a commission of proper persons to consider their present condition and plan for their future.

2. A request from Bethel congregation of Catawba County to be joined with Grace, St. Paul's and Trinity congregations in a constituted charge; also for indulgence in assessments.

3. A certificate of dismissal of Rev. J. Silor Garrison from Alleghany Classis, Pittsburgh Synod, to North Carolina Classis.

4. Notice of reception of Rev. H. A. M. Holshouser by the Presbyterian church, and of Rev. Fred Cromer by the Classis of Eastern Ohio, Synod of Ohio.

5. An application from student Milton Whitener for examination and licensure.

6. A letter from students C. C. Wagoner and Clarence Woods expressing thanks for aid received and asking a similar amount for the coming year.

7. An invitation from Burlington Reformed Church for Classis to hold its next annual meeting there; also an invitation from Greensboro Mission for Classis to hold its next annual meeting there.

8. A letter from Bethel congregation, Blowing Rock, expressing thanks for aid received and asking a similar amount with the same arrangements for service next year.

9. A request from Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows for this Classis to co-operate in its support; also a request from Rev. John M. Schick, Secretary of General Synod's Board of Relief for this Classis to appoint someone to co-operate with the Society with reference to any needy ministers or their widows in the bounds of this Classis.

10. A request from the West Rowan Charge for Classis to reduce its apportionments to the extent of \$50.

11. The Central Church Workers' convention overtures Classis to reconstruct the East Rowan, Central Rowan and New Gilead Charges.

12. A request for the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly and the Central Rowan Charge.

13. An invitation from Grace Reformed Church, Newton, for Classis to hold its next annual meeting there.

14. A request from Guilford Charge for sustentation.

15. A report from student L. A. Peeler.

16. A request from Shiloh Reformed Church, at Faith, to

be constituted a charge.

17. Application of students A. S. Peeler and W. S. Clapp for examination and licensure.

18. A request from Licentiate A. Samuel Peeler to be dismissed to St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

19. Joint request of Rev. W. W. Rowe and the secretary of the Joint Consistory of the East Rowan Charge for dissolution of the pastoral relation.

20. Resignation of Rev. J. H. Keller as pastor of the New Gilead Charge.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CAUSEY,
SHUFORD PEELER,
J. C. WARLICK.

The Report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. The request was granted. A commission was appointed consisting of Revs. J. C. Leonard, W. H. Causey and elder D. H. Hinkle.

2. Referred to the following committee: Revs. C. E. Wehler, G. A. Snyder, J. L. Murphy and Elders J. C. Warlick and J. M. Clampett. This committee submitted the following report which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of constructing charges out of the vacant congregations west of the Catawba River recommend the following action:

1. Resolved, That St. John's, Smyrna and Trinity congregations be constituted a charge to be known as the Catawba Charge, and that the Classis request the Board of Home Missions to enroll the charge as a mission with an appropriation of \$400.

2. Resolved, That a commissioner be appointed to visit the Lincoln Charge to try to induce them to consent to the detaching of Danniell's Church from said Lincoln Charge; and if this is agreed to, then from and after October 1, 1906, Danniell's, Grace, Bethel and St. Paul's shall form a charge

to be known as the South Fork Charge.

Resolved, That the said commissioner shall attend to the above duty and report to a special meeting of Classis by July 1st next.

Resolved, That in the meantime St. Paul's, Grace and Bethel be constituted the South Fork Charge with an appropriation of \$100, which however shall not be paid if the first resolution becomes effective.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. E. WEHLER,
J. L. MURPHY,
GEORGE A. SNYDER,
J. C. WARLICK.

Rev. J. L. Murphy was appointed the commissioner called for in the above resolutions.

3. Rev. J. Silor Garrison was received as a member of Classis and his name was placed on the roll of ministers.

4. Adopted.

5. Referred to the committee on Examination and Licensure.

6. Adopted, and the request referred to the committee on the Solliday Beneficiary Education Fund.

7. Action was deferred until Classis is ready to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting.

8. Adopt, and the request referred to the committee on Missions.

9. Adopted, and referred to the following special committee, Revs. G. A. Snyder, C. E. Wehler and elder J. C. Warlick. At a subsequent session this committee submitted the following report which was received and adopted:

Your committee to whom certain communications pertaining to the care of indigent ministers and their widows were referred, beg leave to recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the attention of our pastors and people be called to the usefulness of the work of the two ministerial

relief societies and that they be asked to contribute to these if possible.

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE A. SNYDER,
C. E. WEHLER.

10. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the request be referred to the committee on Finance with instructions to act as leniently as possible.

11. Referred to the following special committee:

Revs. J. H. Keller, J. M. L. Lyerly and Elder G. H. Peeler. On Friday afternoon this committee made the following report which was received and adopted:

Your committee on reconstruction in the Central District would recommend the following:

1. That Shiloh be constituted a charge to be known as the Faith Charge.

2. That Bethany and Mt. Hope be constituted a charge to be called the Crescent Charge.

3. That Grace, St. Luke's and Ursinus be constituted a charge to be known as the East Rowan Charge.

4. That Bethel, St. James and Boger be constituted a charge under the name of the Bear Creek Charge.

5. That New Gilead and Keller be constituted a charge to be called the New Gilead Charge.

J. H. KELLER,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
G. H. PEELER.

The Classis ordered that the above action should go into effect at once for the Faith Charge, and July 1st for the other charges named.

The consistories of the above constituted charges are instructed to organize into joint consistories and to elect delegates to Classis and to send credentials to the Stated Clerk prior to July 1st.

12. The request was granted and the charge declared vacant.

13. Laid on the table until Classis is ready to determine

the time and place of the next annual meeting.

14. Referred to the committee on Missions.

15. Adopted.

16. Referred to the committee created under item 11.

17. Referred to the committee on Examination and Licensure.

18. The request was granted and Licentiate A. Samuel Peeler was dismissed to St. John's Classis, Central Synod.

19. The request was granted, and the East Rowan Charge was declared vacant after July 1st next.

20. The request was granted, and the New Gilead Charge was declared vacant after July 1st next.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XI.

DELEGATES TO SYNOD.

Friday Afternoon Classis interred upon the election of delegates to the Synod of the Potomac. In the election of Ministers the tellers were Elders A. M. Shepard and A. W. Moose; in the election of Elders the tellers were Revs. Shuford Peeler and S. W. Beck. The following ministers and elders were elected:

MINISTERS—*Primarii*: Charles E. Wehler, James D. Andrew, Paul Barringer, David E. Bowers, Wm. H. McNairy, Joseph L. Murphy, D. D., Walter W. Rowe. *Secundi*: Wm. H. Causey, John H. Keller, Peter M. Trexler, D. D., Calvin B. Heller, Jacob C. Leonard, Wm. B. Duttera, Ph. D., George A. Snyder, D. D.

ELDERS—*Primarii*: A. W. Moose, A. M. Shepard, E. P. Shrum, G. H. Peeler, D. H. Hinkle, J. L. Peck, J. F. Troxler. *Secundi*: J. M. Shuford, J. C. Warlick, T. W. S. Grimes, J. J. Gall, Alexander Holshouser, W. T. Riggans, J. P. Long.

ARTICLE XII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

Thursday afternoon the committee on the Minutes of Potomac Synod presented its report as follows:

1. Page 4. Delegates present at meeting of Potomac Synod:

Geo. A. Snyder, Jos. L. Murphy, S. W. Beck, Wm. B. Duttera, J. M. L. Lyerly and John H. Keller.

2. Page 9. North Carolina Classis requested to send abstract of matters coming before Synod.

3. Page 51. The Classes urged again to pay their apportionment in full to Catawba College, and the pastors to give all possible assistance towards increasing the College Endowment.

4. Page 57. North Carolina Classis urged to direct the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Catawba College to make a full statement of the investment of funds contributed by Potomac Synod to Synodical Treasurer.

5. Page 75. Resolution appealing to Classes, Pastors, Consistories and people, relative to the observance of Home and Foreign Mission Days in the Sunday Schools.

6. Page 75. The attention of Classes is called to the action of General Synod relative to the establishment of Missions in the South.

7. Page 75. A recommendation to the Classes to consider plans for more effective Home Mission meetings during annual meetings of Classes.

8. Page 76. Classes urged to give their hearty support towards raising Church Building Funds.

9. Page 76. Parents and children of our Church are challenged with the need of more missionaries in our foreign fields.

10. Pages 76 and 77. The attention of persons of means is called to the opportunity of giving to the cause of Foreign Missions.

11. Page 77. Young People's Societies requested to co-operate with the Board in the support of one or more missionaries in the foreign field.

12. Page 77. The Sunday Schools asked to support the Sunday School Missionary in Japan.

13. Page 81. Congregations are urged to contribute as

early as possible to apportionments for benevolence.

14. Page 82. The classical apportionments.

15. Page 83. North Carolina Classis in arrears for Science Building, \$80. Seminary \$388.45.

16. Page 88. Synod urges greater uniformity and care in the tabulating of reports, statistics, &c., of Sunday Schools.

17. Page 88. The attention of Classes is called to the great importance relative to increase in membership and attendance of Sunday Schools.

18. Page 93. Pastors and Elders are urged to support the Messenger.

19. Page 93. Our constituency are urged to be loyal to our Publication interests.

20. Page 95. Resolution commending the Orphan's Homes to the support of the Church.

21. Page 59. Synod nominates for Trustees of Catawba College Revs. T. J. Barkler, D. D., C. S. Slagle, and Messrs. W. H. Williams, D. M. Carpenter, E. Cohnman and E. P. Shrum for three years; also Revs. J. A. Foil and J. D. Andrew for two years.

22. Page 106. Next annual meeting of Synod at Chambersburg, Pa., in Zion's Reformed Church, Tuesday Oct. 16th, 1906 at 7:30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY,

J. P. LONG,

S. W. BECK.

The report was taken up item by item and disposed of as follows:

1. The sum of \$60 in part payment of the expenses of the delegates was referred to the committee on Finance for apportionment, \$10 to each.

2. Synod's attention is called to the fact that the matter was attended to.

3. Adopted.

4. The Trustees of Catawba College were instructed to make a full statement to Synod concerning the investment of

endowment funds contributed by the said Synod.

5. Adopted.

6. The following action was taken:

Whereas, The General Synod has gone on record with reference to new work in the South as follows:

"Eight missions, one in Virginia and seven in North Carolina, is the extent of our home missionary work in the great new South, a section of our country which is developing more rapidly, perhaps, than any other, where thousands of people are locating not only from the various States of the Union, but also from Europe,

Resolved, That the Board of Mission be instructed to establish missions in the cities and larger towns of the South as rapidly as the support given the cause will allow," and

Whereas, The Classis of North Carolina keenly appreciates this reference to the work within our borders and the instructions given to the Board of Missions by the General Synod, the highest authority in the Reformed Church,

Resolved, That the Classis of North Carolina send to the said Board of Missions the following memorial:

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

Dear Brethren:—The Classis of North Carolina convened in annual session May A. D. 1906 sends greetings to the Board of Missions. We are deeply grateful to the Board for the sympathy and support extended to Missions in North Carolina in the past, especially the last decade. The Board now has seven missions enrolled in our Classis, all of them vigorous and pushing forward zealously to the goal of self-support. These missions are located in seven of the best towns in the Piedmont section of North Carolina, and add much to the strength and importance of our organized forces.

We desire to call the attention of the Board of Missions to the following additional towns and cities of North Carolina in which the Reformed Church has a respectable nucleus for the organization of Missions: Asheville, Marion, Morganton, Lincolnton, Gastonia, Conover, Charlotte, Landis, Spencer, Winston-Salem, Waughtown, Asheboro, Spray,

Leaksville and Dunn. Besides these places, Greensboro, High Point and Lexington are ready for second enrollments. While we realize that the Board is not in position to enroll missions in all these places, still we are confident that if men and money were available for this purpose it would be a wise course to pursue. We desire to urge upon the Board consideration of the pressing necessity of at once taking up Waughtown, Lincolnton, Conover and Asheville.

Further, we ask that the Board of Missions give us a hearing through Rev. J. C. Leonard whom we elect as a commissioner to go before the said Board at its next quarterly meeting in July for the purpose of setting forth more clearly the situation in North Carolina, and of urging these new enrollments.

The nomination of the commissioner called for above was referred to the committee on Nominations.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Classis create a permanent Committee on Missions to consist of one minister and one elder from each of the districts of the Classis.

Nominations for the Committee on Missions were referred to the committee on Nominations.

7. Adopted. The matter was referred to the Permanent Committee on Missions.

8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 were severally adopted.

14. The following sums were assumed and referred to the committee on Finance for apportionment:

General Synod contingent, \$30; Potomac Synod contingent, \$75; Home Missions, \$1025; Foreign Missions, \$675; Theological Seminary, \$25; Catawba College, \$55.

The apportionment for Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions was referred to the committee on Missions for consideration. The apportionments for Church Building and Beneficiary Education were not assumed.

15. Resolved, That the Synod be asked to excuse the arrearage for Theological Seminary and the Science Building.

16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 were severally adopted.

21. The nominees were elected with the exception of the

last named, which was omitted because there was no vacancy.

22. Adopted.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIII.

MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

Wednesday afternoon the committee on the Minutes of General Synod offered the following report:

To the Classis of North Carolina:

Dear Brethren:

Your committee on the minutes of General Synod begs leave to make its report as follows:

Item 1, page 6. The following delegates were in attendance upon the sessions of General Synod: Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. C. Leonard and C. B. Heller.

Item 2, page 85. Resolved that Septuagesima Sunday of each year be set apart as a day of special prayer in behalf of the cause of Home Missions, and that the pastors preach special sermons setting forth the claims of Home Missions.

Item 3, page 85. Resolved that the second Sunday in November of each year be designated as Home Missionary Day, and that the offering of the day be over and above the apportionment.

Item 4, page 86. Resolved that the circulation of the Bulletin be encouraged.

Item 5, page 86. Resolved that the Missionary Societies of the Classes and congregations be fostered.

Item 6, page 160. Resolved that pastors and congregations who have not made contributions to the emergency fund, be urged to do so.

Item 7, page 160. Resolved that the young people's societies be challenged to support a missionary in Japan and one in China, to be known as the young People's Societies' Missionaries.

Item 8, page 160. Resolved that our Sunday Schools be asked for liberal contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions, for the support of the Sunday School Missionary.

Item 9, page 161. Resolved that special gifts to individual native workers, be discouraged, and that the Board be permitted to apply such funds as most needed.

Item 10, page 161. Resolved that the pastors and Missionary Societies be urged to assist in the distribution of the History of Japan at 10 cents a copy.

Item 11, page 161. Resolved that Woman's Missionary Societies be given hearty encouragement and co-operation on the part of all pastors.

Item 12, page 167. Resolved that the Orphan Homes of the church be commended anew to the liberal support of pastors, consistories and members.

Item 13, page 202. Resolved that a permanent committee on Sunday School work be appointed.

Item 14, page 203. Resolved that the permanent committee on Sunday School work be charged with securing more accurate statistics, and give attention to Teacher Training work, the organization of Home Departments, and the formation of Cradle Rolls.

Item 15, page 203. Resolved that pastors and members be directed to the great importance of constant efforts to increase the membership, and increase the attendance of the Sunday Schools within their bounds.

Item 16, page 203. Resolved that Young People's organizations be requested to make use of the Denominational Reading Course, and the organization of Mission Study Classes.

Item 17, page 250. Resolved that the foregoing constitution as amended be and hereby is sent down to the several classes for approval. Draft of constitution page 214-249.

Item 18, page 268. Resolved that the Liturgical Form for Restoration to Church Fellowship by Reprofeession, be approved. For form see page 264-266, with corrections page 267-268.

Item 19, page 275. General Synod will meet in next Triennial sessions, on the third Tuesday in May, 1908, at 8 P. M. in the First German Reformed Church, Akron, Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. ALBERT SNYDER,

J. L. MURPHY,

A. W. MOOSE.

The report was considered by items and disposed of as follows:

1. Adopted. The sum of \$30 was referred to the committee on Finance for apportionment in part payment of expenses, \$10 to be paid to each delegate.

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 were severally adopted.

16. Adopted. The new Constitution was referred to the following special committee:

Revs. C. E. Wehler, J. H. Keller and Elder E. P. Shrum. At a later session this committee submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee to consider the new Constitution would respectfully recommend the adoption of the same.

CHAS. E. WEHLER,
J. H. KELLER,
E. P. SHRUM.

The new Constitution was declared adopted by the Classis of North Carolina.

17. Adopted.

18. Adopted. Resolved, That the attention of the Stated Clerk of General Synod be called to a contradiction in the two statements of the time of the next meeting of the General Synod as given on pages 275 and 277 of the minutes.

The report was adopted as a whole.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

Friday afternoon the committee on Missions presented its report. It was considered by items and then adopted as a whole as follows:

Your committee on Missions begs leave to report as follows:

There have come into our hands the following matters, viz:

(1.) The annual Statement of the Board of Home Missions of General Synod for the year ending April 1, 1906;

(2) The item of Synod's apportionments for Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions, amount \$140. (3) A request for aid to supplement pastor's salary from the Guilford Charge to amount of \$100. (4) A request from Mt. Bethel, Blowing Rock, asking for aid to the amount of \$50.

From the annual statement of the Secretary of the Board of Home Missions we learn that the Home Mission work has prospered during the past year. In this statement we find the following requests by the Board:

First. That renewed and continued efforts be made that all the charges pay the apportionments in full, so that the regular work may be carried forward.

Second. That the attention of pastors and people be again directed to the great helpfulness of the Church Building Funds in this work and that individuals, families, Sunday Schools, Societies, Congregations and Classes be challenged to establish such Funds.

Third. That the Classical Treasurer be directed to make remittances at least once a month of all money received for home missionary purposes, so that the officers of the Board may know from time to time what the condition of the treasury of the Home Board is.

Fourth. That the second Sunday in November be observed as Home Missionary Day.

Fifth. That the special contributions on Home Missionary Day be sent direct to the General Superintendent, Rev. Thomas M. Yundt, 1308 Arch Street, Philadelphia. Pa., who shall send a duplicate receipt to the Classical Treasurer, so that proper credit may be given upon the books for money contributed.

Sixth. That the contributions on Home Missionary Day be over and above the apportionments.

We recommend that the above requests be severally adopted.

With reference to the 2nd item concerning the apportionment for Hungarian, Bohemian and Harbor Missions we recommend that this cause be commended to the favorable consideration of our pastors and people.

With reference to the 3rd item we recommend that \$100 be given the Guilford Charge for one year from the sustentation fund provided that Charge secure the service of a regular pastor.

With reference to item 4, we recommend that the interests of Mt. Bethel at Blowing Rock be committed to the care of Rev. W. H. McNairy and that Mt. Bethel Mission be given \$50.00 out of the sustentation fund and that this mission be urged to support the work liberally.

J. D. ANDREW,
W. B. DUTTERA.

ARTICLE XV.

NOMINATIONS.

The committee on Nominations made its report Saturday afternoon. As adopted it follows:

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows:

1. Treasurer of Classis, Rev. W. H. McNairy.
2. Commissioner to go before the Board of Missions, Rev. J. C. Leonard.
3. Member of the Solliday Fund committee, Rev. Geo. A. Snyder.
4. Permanent Committee of Missions, Western District: Rev. J. L. Murphy and Elder L. R. Whitener; Central District: Rev. W. W. Rowe and Elder J. F. Moose; Eastern District: Rev. J. D. Andrew and Elder A. M. Shepard.
5. Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home, Rev. W. H. Causey, Rev. W. H. McNairy and Mr. J. H. Moose.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. BECK,
A. M. SHEPARD.

The committee on the Solliday Fund now consists of the following: Rev. Dr. Geo. A. Snyder, three years; Elder M. J. Rowe, two years; Rev. Dr. J. C. Clapp, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

Saturday afternoon the committee on Religion and Statistics presented the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

The parochial reports to your reverend body indicate that the Lord's work has moved steadily forward during the past year. The increase in membership has not been large but is healthy. Three new congregations were organized, viz:

Boger in Cabarrus county, Zion at Waughtown in Forsyth county and Bethel at High Point. The reports show a large increase in the amounts raised for congregational purposes, with a slight diminution in the gifts for benevolence. It would appear from the reports that there has been a decrease in the Sunday School enrollment which upon investigation will be found due to imperfect reports or lack of reports.

The seeds of the Gospel have been faithfully sown, the sacraments administered and the labors performed. To our kind Heavenly Father we leave the results.

Several Charges are yet vacant.

Reconstruction seems to be in the minds of the people and a strong desire for better results of labor.

Thanking our great Benefactor for His numerous blessings during the past year and looking unto Him for guidance in the future, we respectfully submit this report.

J. L. BOWERS,

J. D. ANDREW.

The statistics will be found in the appendix.

ARTICLE XVII.

TIME AND PLACE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

Friday afternoon Classis proceeded to determine the time and place of the next annual meeting. Burlington Reformed Church, Burlington, N. C., was selected as the place, and Wednesday May 8th, A. D. 1907, at 8 o'clock P. M. as the time.

ARTICLE XVIII.

EDUCATION.

Through the President of the Board, the Trustees of Catawba College presented to Classis the following report:
To the Reverend Classis:

Dear Brethren:—I herewith submit to you my report as President of the Trustees of Catawba College, the same being based upon the data furnished me by the President of the College and the Treasurer.

The work of Catawba College for the year 1905-6 began with the 7th day of September, and has continued since without any interruption save the usual holiday vacation and the holidays known as Thanksgiving, Washington's Birthday, Good Friday and Easter Monday. The College year will close with the 31st day of May. The following have been the teachers:

George Albert Snyder, President; J. Silor Garrison, professor of the department of English; C. B. Heller, substitute during the absence of the President; W. B. Weaver, professor of the department of Greek; J. B. Leonard, professor of the department of Latin; S. S. Losh, teacher of vocal music, and assistant in other studies; Miss Bessie M. Hargett, teacher of instrumental music and art; Miss Leah Coleman, teacher of elocution and assistant in other studies; Miss Anna Lowrance, teacher of the primary department and Miss Rosalie Rowe, teacher of the business department.

The work of the mathematical and science departments was divided among the different professors and teachers.

All the teachers are reported to have rendered efficient service. The primary department on account of the opening of the graded school was discontinued with the last day of January. This date accordingly marked the end of the service of Miss Lowrance.

The work of the students has been reasonably good. The year has had many difficulties, on account of the building operations which have been going on and which are not yet complete.

There will be three graduates this year, Messrs. Artus Alexander Keener and Thomas Leslie Wilson, both in the classical course, and Mrs. Florence Gall Williams in piano forte.

The following is the record of the enrollment for the year:

College Department, 20; Academic Department, 63; Business Department, 11; Elocution, 19; Music Department, 51; Art Department, 5; Primary Department, 19. Total enrollment in all the departments, 188; less names repeated 51, 137.

The president has made several trips during the year in the interest of the endowment fund, and for the immediate use of the college. The total amount received on the endowment fund in cash and pledges is \$524.00; of this amount \$295.50 has been received in cash.

The total amount received for the immediate use of the college with particular reference to the new building and general improvements, the same in cash and pledges is \$4659.80; of this amount \$1852.25 has been received in cash, with nearly all the balance falling due by the 15th of this present month.

The president received from a personal friend a Steinway Concert Grand Piano, which is ready for use as soon as the new chapel will have been completed.

Two lots have been purchased the same becoming the property of the college and paid for with funds collected by the president.

The following report of the treasurer gives a correct record of the financial condition of the college. The time covered by this report is from the last meeting of the trustees till the 1st of May.

Received from concerts,-----	\$ 66.35
Interest on endowment,-----	480.53
Interest of alumni notes,-----	147.00
Dividend from Union Cotton Mills,-----	42.00
From President Snyder,-----	1731.25
From lecture course,-----	168.30
From Potomac Synod,-----	292.95

Athletic Association,-----		10.55
Other sources.-----		<u>33.27</u>
		\$2972.20
Old tuition, board, etc.,-----	\$ 957.57	
New tuition. board, etc.,-----	5249.05	
Beneficiary education,-----	275.00	<u>\$ 6481.82</u>
		\$ 9453.82
Tuition, board, etc. due,-----		<u>1500.00</u>
		\$ 10953.82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Teachers and matron,-----	\$ 4032.50
Provisions,-----	2363.49
Cooks,-----	144.21
Balance due treasurer (refund) ..	280.20
Commencement invitations-----	20.00
Band, commencement,-----	35.00
Diplomas, postage, stationery,--	50.08
Rent,-----	90.00
Hardware, furniture, merch. acct	164.04
Encyclo. adv. Periodicals,-----	90.30
Traveling expenses,-----	145.29
Interest,-----	112.50
Fuel,-----	283.10
Lecture course,-----	335.00
Range, freight,-----	83.82
Catalogues,-----	71.00
On piano,-----	100.00
Insurance,-----	215.20
Calendars—Catawbian,-----	69.75
Work for College,-----	103.35
Incidentals,-----	<u>148.24</u>
	\$ 8937.07
Two lots,-----	642.00

LIABILITIES.

Teachers' salaries,-----	\$ 349.00
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Provisions,-----	<u>494.27</u>	
	\$ 843.27	
Estimated amt. provisions for May, \$	300.00	
Teachers' salaries May, - -	<u>832.00</u>	
	\$ 1132.00	
	<u>843.27</u>	
	\$ 1975.27	
	<u>8937.07</u>	
	\$ 10912.34	
	<u>642.00</u>	
	\$ 10953.82	
	\$ 11554.34	
	<u>10953.82</u>	
Deficit,	\$ 600.52	

INDEBTEDNESS.

Shuford's bank, old account,-----	\$ 1350.00
Noah I. Rowe, old account,-----	350.00
Union Cotton Mills, old account,-----	600.00
Building fund, old account,-----	1800.00
Roller fund, old account,-----	500.00
Solliday fund on account of new buildings and improvements,-----	<u>10000.00</u>
	\$ 14600.00

BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Received from Solliday fund,-----	\$ 10000.00
From Dr. Trexler's canvass,-----	2006.00
From President Snyder,-----	571.35
Building fund on hand previously,-----	<u>874.00</u>
	\$13451.35

LIABILITIES.

Heating and plumbing-----	\$ 3445.62
Acetylene generator-----	485.00

Chairs for new chapel-----	612.00
	<u>\$3542.62.</u>
Estimate to complete present work of improve- ment-----	800.00.
Total invested endowment-----	\$ 12442.47
Fund on hand not invested-----	625.00
	<u>\$ 13067.47</u>
Estimated value of alummi obligations-----	3000.00
	<u>\$ 16067.47</u>

J. L. MURPHY.

This report was referred to the committee on Education.

On Saturday morning the committee on Education made the following report, which was received and adopted:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

Your committee on Education respectfully submit the following report:

The only matter claiming the attention of the committee is the report of the Trustees of Catawba College, and we find by this report that the college has had a fairly prosperous year, and seems to sustain a fairly good record.

The matter of improvement of the buildings and otherwise beautifying and improving the college is commendable in the opinion of all friends of education.

We also note with pleasure the success of President Snyder in acquiring the gift of a new Steinway Concert Grand Piano.

We regret to note that the school will have a deficit in her resources at the end of the year; however as some of the items in the disbursements will not need to be repeated next year, it is hoped this matter will not have any tendency to embarrass her progress.

Resolved, That while the President of the board of Trustees gets all or most of his information for his annual report to Classis from the President of the college and treasurer, the annual report to Classis should come from the President of the college as in the case of many other colleges and institutions.

Resolved, That in Catawba College we have a representative school for our Reformed people in North Carolina, and that we look upon her with more pride and give unto her our prayers and help in every way that will tend to her greater development and usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

L. W. SHOWERS,
J. M. L. LYERLY,
T. W. S. GRIMES.

The following resolution was also adopted:

Resolved, That the first Sunday in September be designated as Catawba College Day, when the interests of our College are to be presented to our people and an offering received for the current expenses of the school.

ARTICLE XIX.

FINANCE.

The committee on Finance reported Saturday afternoon. The report was adopted and is as follows:

The committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have made the following apportionment of the several sums referred to them:

APPORTIONMENTS.

Charges.	Contingent Fund	Church Building	Catawba College	Foreign Missions	Theologic'l Seminary	Home Missions	Sustentation
Hickory	26 00	27 00	5 00	45 00	1 75	85 00	7 00
Guilford	18 40	18 40	1 50	25 00	1 00	50 00	5 00
Crescent	9 00	9 00	1 00	15 00	75	30 00	3 00
Faith	6 50	7 00	1 00	18 00	50	10 00	3 00
West Rowan	15 00	15 00	2 00	22 50	1 50	50 00	5 50
East Rowan	21 00	21 00	3 00	70 00	1 50	55 00	5 00
Bear Creek	21 00	21 00	3 00	70 00	1 00	45 00	5 00
South Fork	14 80	15 00	2 00	25 00	1 00	40 00	3 00
Lincoln	30 00	30 00	6 00	65 00	2 50	100 00	10 00
Newton	21 00	21 75	5 00	40 00	1 50	60 00	7 00
New Gilead	16 50	16 50	4 00	35 00	1 50	55 00	5 00
Salisbury	4 50	4 50	1 00	10 00	50	17 00	1 50
Lexington, First	11 00	11 00	1 50	25 00	1 00	45 00	3 80
Lexington, Second	2 00	2 00	25	6 00	25	6 00	50
Lower Davidson	14 00	14 00	1 50	18 00	50	50 00	5 00
Upper Davidson	35 00	35 00	7 00	70 00	2 00	110 00	12 00
High Point, First	5 50	5 50	1 00	10 00	50	15 00	1 50
High Point, Bethel	1 50	1 50	25	5 00	25	5 00	50
Thomasville	13 00	13 00	1 50	17 50	75	39 00	4 00
Concord	7 50	7 50	1 50	17 50	75	30 00	4 00
Catawba	6 00	6 00	1 50	15 00	50	20 00	2 00
Greensboro	2 50	2 50	50	8 00	50	15 00	1 00
Burlington	16 00	16 00	3 00	25 00	1 50	72 00	5 50
Mt. Bethel	1 00	1 00	25	2 00	50	2 50	25
Lenoir	2 00	2 00	50	5 50	50	10 00	50
Brookford	1 00	1 00	25	3 00	25	5 50	50
Waughtown	1 00	1 00	25	1 00	25	3 00	25
Totals.	322 70	325 15	55 25	677 00	25 00	1005 00	101 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McNAIRY,

W. W. ROWE.

The Treasurer's report was referred to the following special committee to audit: Revs. Paul Barringer, D. E. Bowers, and Elder E. P. Shrump. This committee made the following report which was adopted:

We, your special committee to whom was referred the Treasurer's report for auditing, have carefully and thoroughly examined the same by comparing vouchers, and find the same correct and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER,

E. P. SHRUMP,

D. E. BOWERS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO THE REVEREND CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Treasurer wishes to submit the following report of the funds of Classis for the year 1905-1906. In connection herewith the Treasurer most respectfully asks the Classis to relieve him of the duties of this office.

RECEIPTS.

Charges	Contingent Fund	Church Building	Beneficiary Education	Catawba College	Foreign Missions	Theological Seminary	Home Missions
Balance	—	12 60	23 80	—	213 15	24 55	252 29
Hickory	20 00	32 00	7 00	6 00	35 00	1 75	65 00
Guilford	26 00	20 00	5 00	2 00	—	—	—
Central Rowan	11 00	19 00	4 50	3 50	22 50	1 25	40 00
West Rowan	14 05	19 00	5 50	4 00	22 50	1 50	40 00
East Rowan	18 00	27 00	6 00	5 00	70 00	1 50	60 00
Lincoln	33 00	32 00	10 00	8 50	50 00	2 50	80 00
Newton	16 00	27 50	7 00	5 50	30 00	1 50	43 00
New Gilead	33 56	27 00	8 50	7 50	40 00	2 00	60 00
Salisbury	3 50	6 50	1 50	1 25	7 50	50	8 00
Lexington, First	8 50	18 00	3 50	2 00	17 50	1 00	25 00
Lexington, Second	1 00	4 50	50	50	4 00	25	4 00
Burlington	13 00	19 00	5 50	4 50	22 50	1 50	50 00
Lower Davidson	12 00	14 55	—	3 00	—	—	17 65
Upper Davidson	27 00	42 00	12 00	10 00	42 70	2 00	70 00
High Point	4 00	8 00	1 50	1 25	7 50	50	10 00
Concord	5 00	13 00	3 00	2 00	15 00	1 00	20 00
Thomasville	11 50	14 20	—	3 00	—	—	21 85
Catawba	10 00	17 00	4 50	4 00	—	—	28 44
Bethel	4 00	9 00	—	1 50	—	—	3 74
Grace	4 00	8 00	1 50	1 50	7 50	50	10 00
Greensboro	1 25	4 50	50	50	4 00	50	7 00
Mt. Bethel	1 00	4 00	50	25	2 00	50	1 00
Lenoir	1 50	5 50	50	50	4 00	50	7 00
Brookford	50	1 00	25	25	1 00	25	1 00
Totals,	279 36	404 85	112 55	78 00	618 35	45 55	924 97

SALISBURY CHURCH DEBT.

Balance in the Treasury	\$ 10.00
Transferred from Church Building Fund	96.11
Total	\$ 106.11

ORPHAN'S HOME FUND.

Zion's Church, Lenoir, for Nazareth Home-----	\$ 4.21
Grace S. S., Newton, for St. Paul's Home-----	<u>16.51</u>
Total-----	20.72.

HARBOR MISSION FUND.

Balance in the Treasury-----	\$ 25.00
Y. P. S. C. E. Grace Church, Newton-----	1.30
Grace Church, Newton-----	<u>5.30</u>
Total-----	31.60

SPECIAL FUNDS.

Balance in Treasury for Foreign Missions-----	7.10
Balance in the Treasury for the Major Sidney M. Finger Church Building Fund-----	500.00
Balance in the Treasury for the Major Sidney M. Finger Foreign Mission Fund-----	500.00
Ursinus S. S., East Rowan charge, Children's Day---	5.54
Grace S. S., East Rowan charge, Children's Day---	8.00
Bethel S. S., East Rowan charge, Children's Day---	8.90
Second S. S., Lexington, Sunday School Missions---	1.09
First Church, Lexington, for Catawba College-----	13.49
First S. S., Lexington, for Sunday School Missions---	5.00
St. James Church, New Gilead charge, North Japan College-----	9.64
Trinity S. S., Concord, North Japan College-----	8.81
Trinity Church, Concord, Home Missions-----	4.51
Faith Church, Salisbury, Home Missions-----	10.26
First Church, Lexington, Home Missions-----	5.00
Zion's Church, Lenoir, Home Missions-----	3.00
First Church, High Point, Home Missions-----	3.30
Thomasville Charge, Home Missions-----	13.00
St. James Church, New Gilead charge, Home Missions-----	8.50
Bethel S. S. East Rowan charge, Bible Woman----	50.00
East Rowan charge, Foreign Missions-----	112.00
First Church, Greensboro, Interest on Note-----	29.75

First Church, Lexington, Interest on Note	14.18
Zion's Church, Lenoir, Interest on Note	20.50
Prof. R. T. Cecil, on Borrowed Fund	10.00
	1351.57

SUMMARY OF FUNDS.

Contingent	279.36
Church Building	404.85
Beneficiary Education	112.55
Catawba College	78.00
Foreign Missions	618.35
Theological Seminary	45.55
Home Missions	924.97
Salisbury Church Debt	106.11
Orphan's Home	20.72
Harbor Missions	31.60
Special Funds	1351.57

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid out of Contingent Fund:

Arrearage due former Treasurer, M. J. Rowe	32.85
Catawba College arreraage due M. J. Rowe	6.38
Printing Minutes of Classis 1905	42.50
Chas. M. Wolff, Treas., Potomac Synod con-	
tinent	65.00
Stated Clerk's Salary and Expenses	35.47
L. H. Moose, Expenses to Synod	18.00
Treasurer's Salary and Expenses	17.70
Safety Deposit Box Rent	4.00
Interest on High Point Note to May 4, 1905	18.00

Total	239.90
Balance in the Treasury	39.46

Paid out of Foreign Mission Fund:

Rev. Dr. A. R. Bartholomew	479.92
Balance in the Treasury	138.43

Paid out of Beneficiary Education Fund:

Student Clarence Woods	50.00
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Student L. A. Peeler	50.00
	<u>100.00</u>
Balance in the Treasury	12.55
Paid out of Theological Seminary Fund:	
C. M. Wolff, Treas. Potomac Synod	24.55
Balance in the Treasury	21.00
Paid out of Home Mission Fund:	
John. J. Nissley, Treasurer	411 64
Rev. W. H. McNairy for Mt. Bethel Mission	50.00
	<u>461.64</u>
Balance in the Treasury	463.33
Paid out of Church Building Fund:	
Transferred to Salisbury Debt Fund	96.11
On Lexington Loan	100.00
On High Point Loan	100.00
	<u>296.11</u>
Balance in the Treasury	108.74
Paid out of Catawba College Fund:	
Chas. M. Wolff, Treasurer Potomac Synod	78.00
Paid out of Salisbury Church Debt Fund:	
Jno. J. Nissley, Treasurer, Balance in full	106.11
Paid out of Orphans' Home Fund:	
Jno. H. Moose, Treas. Nazareth Home	4.21
Rev. J. G. Walter, Treas. St. Paul's Home	16.51
	<u>20.72</u>
Paid out of Harbor Mission Fund:	
C. M. Wolff, Treas. Potomac Synod	25.00
Balance in the Treasury	6.60
Paid out of Special Funds:	
Interest on Lexington Note to October 5, 1905 ---	14.18
Interest on Greensboro Note to May 7, 1905	29.75
Interest on Lenoir Note to March 1, 1906	20.50
Lexington Donation to Catawba College, Pres.	

Snyder.....	13.49
Rev. Dr. J. H. Bomberger, Treasurer, S. S. Board.....	28.53
Rev. Dr. A. R. Bartholomew, for Bible Woman.....	50.00
C. M. Boush, Treasurer, the Major Sidney M. Finger Church Building Fund.....	500.00
Rev. Dr. A. R. Bartholomew, the Major Sidney M. Finger Foreign Mission Fund.....	500.00
Rev. Dr. A. R. Bartholomew, Foreign Missions.....	119.10
Rev. Dr. A. R. Bartholomew, North Japan College.....	18.45
J. J. Nissley, Home Missions.....	47.57
Total.....	1341.57
Balance in the Treasury.....	10.00

ARREARAGES.

Charges.	Church Building	Beneficiary Education	Foreign Missions	Theological Seminary	Home Missions.
Guilford,.....	---	---	---	1 00	39 00
Lower Davidson,.....	2 45	5 00	15 00	1 00	17 35
Upper Davidson,.....	---	---	12 30	---	---
Thomasville,.....	2 80	5 00	20 00	75	8 15
Catawba,.....	---	---	20 00	1 00	1 56
Bethel,.....	---	1 50	7 50	50	11 26

INDEBTEDNESS OF CLASSIS.

For the Lexington Church.....	25.00
For the High Point Church.....	200.00
For the Lenoir Church.....	300.00
For the Greensboro Church.....	700.00
Total.....	1225.00.

Respectfully submitted,

P. J. LEONARD, Treasurer,

Lexington, N. C.

May 5th, 1906.

ARTICLE XX.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The following are the statistics of the Sunday Schools:

45 Sunday Schools; 454 officers and teachers; 5226 scholars; 193 in the Home Department; Total 5873; average attendance 2066; scholars in full membership of the church 1549; Baptized but not confirmed 720; Scholars received into full membership of the church 174; Books in the libraries 894; the Sunday School Board \$38.00; to other boards and institutions \$74.00; to other benevolent objects \$624.00; to support of the schools \$986.00, total \$1722.00.

ARTICLE XXI.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSURE.

The committee on Examination and Licensure offered the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee on Examination and Licensure beg leave to report that students Wm. S. Clapp, A. Samuel Peeler and Milton Whitener appeared before us and were carefully examined. The examination was satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER,
GEO. A. SAYDER,
D. H. HINKLE.

The above named young men having subscribed to the constitutional formula were duly licensed to preach the Gospel.

ARTICLE XXII.

ORPHANS' HOME.

The Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home presented the following report, which was read and referred to the committee on Orphans' Home:

Report of President of Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphan Home.

To the Classis of North Carolina:

Dear Brethren:

The Board of Managers of Nazareth Orphans' Home desires to report with reference to its work that so far as it has been able on account of lack of funds, a great deal of work has not been done. On the 13 of June 1905, a meeting of the Board was held in Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, N. C., when the Board organized by the election of J. M. L. Lyerly, President, Dr. W. B. Duttera, Sec., and Elder John H. Moose, Treas. * A committee on plans for building made a report, and submitted a plan which was answered by the following resolution:

Resolved that the plan be adopted tentatively and a Building Committee be appointed with instructions to procure the material, but that its erection be deferred until sufficient funds are on hand to enclose the building.

The resolution just noted places the actual condition before the church.

The Building Committee has carried out as much of its work as it felt justified in doing, which consists in placing on the ground sand, and about one third of the stone for the building. It is thought best not to place more material on the ground, lest it be an obstruction to the work of erecting the walls.

It may be well for the Classis to know the plans presented and adopted relative to the home. It is proposed to build a main or central building, two stories with basement, of native granite, 84 feet front, and 64 feet deep. It is calculated that in this building there will be ample room for the accommodation of fifty children. The Building committee took into consideration the material of which the building is to be constructed, and decided that native granite, lying near, and which is generously donated by devoted members of our church, so that the cost of stone compared with wood or brick, is in this case less, hence its selection as the material.

After paying for the material delivered on the ground already, there is something like \$500 in the hands of the Treas-

urer. The funds come in slowly, and the Board does not feel warranted in proceeding to contract the building with the amount in hand, for when once begun, the work must be carried on to its inclosure at least.

May we not ask that this Classis will come to our pastors and people in a bold and positive way, so that the work begun, may be carried into speedy completion?

Applications have been made for the admittance of children during the year, and now only temporary arrangements are made for their care, looking and expecting in the near future that they may be admitted.

May the Board not also ask that your reverend body instruct or urge our pastors and people to keep in mind the Nazareth Orphans' Home, and on Thanksgiving or Christmas, offerings be made to this Institution?

And may we not also ask that arrangements be made for the complete canvass of the Classis in the interest of the Institution, by the opening of the way for the Board's Agent?

May the Board not also ask this Classis to deliver an utterance on the moral obligation to make good the payment of pledges made?

The Board hopes that during this summer and fall, the building be erected, and completed as early as possible, but that in the mean time if needed temporary arrangements be made for the care of such children as may claim our attention. To do the work in mind; to build and equip, will cost in round numbers \$5,000, and of this amount only about \$1000 has come into the hands of the Treasurer. With the full confidence, that the work is appointed of God, and that our people really desire such an institution, we press forward with the hope that our most sanguine expectations be realized, and pray that the united effort of the Church be given so worthy a cause.

The Board calls attention of Classis to the fact that the term of office of the following members expires with this meeting of Classis:

Rev. W. H. McNairy, Rev. W. H. Causey and Bro. John

H. Moose.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. L. LYERLY, Pres.

Saturday afternoon the committee on Orphans' Home offered the following report, which was adopted:

To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina:

Your committee on Orphans' Home beg leave to submit the following report. We have examined the report of the Board of Managers of the Nazareth Orphans' Home, the only document having come into our hands. We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved. That we approve the action of said Board in taking definite steps toward the erection of the Home, such as placing on the ground sand, stone, etc, and in having adopted a plan for the building.

Resolved, That, in as much as funds are coming in very slowly, this Classis urge pastors and people to pay all outstanding pledges by the first of November 1906.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers are requested to keep our people informed on the subject and that the way be opened and provided for by which still more funds may be raised for the Home by the agent.

Resolved, That our pastors urge the people to make on Thanksgiving or Christmas free-will offerings for this cause.

Resolved, That this Classis call attention of pastors and people to the moral obligation of making good the payment of pledges made.

Resolved, That Classis commends the action of the Board in its intention to erect the Building this summer and fall.

Respectfully submitted,

SHUFORD PEELER,

L. W. SHOWERS.

The vacancies in the Board of Managers were referred to the committee on Nominations.

ARTICLE XXIII.

MISCELLANEOUS.

After the reading of the parochial report of Rev. L. W. Showers, pastor of the Thomasville charge, Classis appointed a special committee to make inquiry into the condition of the said charge. This committee subsequently made the following report, which was adopted:

Your special committee to whom was referred the matter of dividing the Thomasville charge begs leave to report as follows:

In view of the financial condition of the Board of Home Missions as your committee understands it and further in view of the fact that Emanuel's would be entirely isolated from other churches we would respectfully recommend that for the present the charge remain as it is now constituted.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL BARRINGER,

J. D. ANDREW,

J. L. PECK.

The name of Rev. Charence Clapp, in accordance with Article 56 of the Constitution, was stricken from the roll of ministers.

The following action was taken looking to the securing of a Church Building Fund:

Resolved, That this Classis proceed to raise a church Building Fund of \$500 to be known as "The North Carolina Classis Church Building Fund."

Resolved, That each pastor be requested to take a collection annually in each congregation for this purpose.

Rev. J. L. Bowers, a member of the committee on Missions, having been excused to go home, the name of Rev. W. B. Duttera, Ph. D., was substituted.

Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., chairman of the committee on Examination and Licensure, having been excused to go home on account of illness, the name of Rev. Geo. A. Snyder, D. D., was substituted.

Revs. J. A. Foil and John Ingle were excused for absence from this meeting of Classis.

Thursday afternoon the following committee on leave of absence was appointed: Revs. W. W. Rowe, W. B. Duttera and Elder W. A. Welker. At the last session the following report was offered and adopted:

Your committee on Leave of Absence beg leave to report that the following have been excused: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. L. Murphy, D. D., J. L. Bowers, and Elders J. L. Eaves, J. E. Wilfong, J. M. Shuford, E. P. Shrum, J. L. Holshouser, W. A. Welker, J. F. Troxler, T. W. S. Grimes, J. A. Watts, J. J. Gall, J. M. Clampett and A. W. Moose.

W. W. ROWE,
W. B. DUTTERA.

The following sums were referred to the committee on Finance for apportionment: Stated Clerk's salary and expenses, \$36.86; Treasurer's salary and expenses, \$14.47; Box rent, \$4.00; Printing the Minutes of Classis, \$60.00; Lexington note, \$25.00; High Point note, \$100; Greensboro note, \$200.00; interest on High Point note, \$12.00.

It was ordered that \$12.55, balance in the Beneficiary Education Fund and \$10.00, in Special Fund (returned by R. T. Cecil) be transferred to the Contingent Fund, and that \$250.00 now in the Home Mission Fund but contributed for sustentation be transferred to a new fund to be called the Sustentation Fund.

A committee of supply for the Guilford charge was appointed consisting of Revs. Shuford Peeler, J. D. Andrew and D. E. Bowers.

Before final adjournment the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we express to this congregation and friends by a rising vote our hearty appreciation of the cordial welcome and entertainment accorded to us during this annual meeting of Classis.

Saturday afternoon the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Through the generosity of Mr. George G. Solli-day of Hagerstown, Maryland, the Classis of North Carolina enjoys the benefit of \$1200 annually for the cause of beneficiary education, and

Whereas, The unused part of this annual sum comes also to the Classis of North Carolina in the form of a fund for aiding in the building of Mission churches within our bounds,

Resolved, That the Classis hereby expresses to the generous donor of this fund of \$20,000, the *i n c o m e* of which inures to our benefit, its sincere thanks for this handsome donation and for the kind Christian spirit that prompted the same.

Resolved That we transmit to the said benefactor this expression of our gratitude, praying the rich blessing of God upon him in his life and service.

The members of the standing committee on Press Reports were excused to leave before the adjournment of Classis and before their report could be made. But they attended to their duties.

The Stated Clerk was directed to publish this year 1400 copies of the Minutes of Classis.

The following committee of supply for the Catawba charge was appointed: Revs. J. A. Foil, Ph. D., J. C. Clapp, D. D., and C. E. Wehler.

The South Fork charge was committed to the care of Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D.

The churches of the old Central Rowan charge were committed to the care of Rev. J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D.

Revs. J. H. Keller, W. W. Rowe and J. M. L. Lyerly, Ph. D., pastors of the churches involved in the reconstruction in the district between the Yadkin and Catawba Rivers, were instructed to notify the members and officers of the said churches and charges.

It was ordered that the Classis meet in adjourned session

in Faith Reformed church, Salisbury, N. C., July 10th next at 1 o'clock, P. M.

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, The call for the services of pastors in the North Carolina Classis is most urgent, and

Whereas, The attention of this body has been called to the great needs existing in the historic Guilford charge, therefore,

Resolved, That the interests of the Guilford charge be laid upon the heart of Licentiate W. S. Clapp and that he be urged to consider the proposition of taking up the work in this charge.

Three Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor were reported: Trinity, Concord; First, Greensboro; Grace, Newton. Active members, 72; associate members, 22; \$6.27 for benevolence; \$55.00 for other objects.

A vote of thanks was extended to Rev. Thomas M. Yundt and the Board of Missions for his visit to this Classis.

ARTICLE XXIV.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The Classis having finished the transaction of all business, the roll was called, and all persons not previously excused answered to their names. The minutes of the day's sessions were read and approved. The members of Classis joined in the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. The benediction was pronounced by the President.

ARTICLE XXV.

ADJOURNMENT.

Classis adjourned finally Saturday afternoon May 12th at 3:00 o'clock, to meet in adjourned session in Faith Reformed Church, Salisbury, N. C., July 10th, A. D. 1906, at 1 o'clock P. M., and in annual sessions in Burlington Reformed Church,

Burlington, N. C., Wednesday May 8th, 1907, at 8 o'clock P. M.

C. B. HELLER, President.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

Official copy from the original minutes.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

FIRST SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Grace Reformed church, Newton, Octotober 3rd, 1905, at 3 o'clock P. M., pursuant to the following call: China Grove, N. C. September 14th, 1905. Dear Brother:—There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Grace Reformed church, Newton, N. C., October 3rd, 1905, at 3 o'clock P. M., to attend to the following items of business:

1. To take action made necessary by an action of the Trustees of Catawba College regarding the Solliday Fund.
2. To consider changing the time for the next annual meeting of Classis.
3. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. Fred Cromer and the Thomasville charge.

J. L. BOWERS, President.

Rev. J. C. Clapp, D. D., was chosen President pro tem., and Rev. Chas. E. Wehler, Stated Clerk pro tem. Rev. C. B. Heller led in prayer. The following members were present: Revs. J. C. Clapp, D. D., J. A. Foil, Ph. D., Paul Barringer, Jos. L. Murphy, D. D., C. B. Heller, Chas. E. Wehler, and Geo. Albert Synder, and Elders D. C. Warlick, L. R. Whitener and J. B. Leonard. The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1. Under this item Rev. J. L. Murphy, D. D., president of the Trustees of Catawba College, reported that the Board of Trustees of Catawba College in special session held in Grace Reformed church, Newton, N. C., October 3rd, 1905, at one o'clock P. M., at the request of the donor, Mr. Geo. G.

Solliday, changed the form of the Solliday gift amounting to \$20,000.00 from a fund for the establishing of a theological professorship in Catawba College to a fund for educating young men for the ministry. He furthermore reported that the changed conditions of the gift call for a committee from Classis to examine applicants for such aid as the fund provides; whereupon a committee consisting of Revs. J. L. Murphy, D. D., C. B. Heller and G. A. Snyder, D. D., was appointed.

Under this same item it was also agreed that the unused amount, if any, of the Geo. G. Solliday fund, which the new conditions of the fund specify shall be designated as the "Mrs. Rebecca Solliday Church Building Fund," be intrusted to the same committee which has charge of the "George G. Solliday Fund."

For general information the conditions of the fund follow:

"First, The interest of this fund, to the extent that there may be need, shall be used in aiding poor but worthy students who are members of the Reformed church in obtaining a Classical and Theological Education for the Christian Ministry of the Reformed church in the United States. Such classical course shall be taken at Catawba College, and shall embrace the full course of studies as prescribed by said college. The theological course shall be taken at one of the Theological Seminaries of the Reformed church in the United States, and shall embrace the full regular course as prescribed by such Theological Seminary.

(A) The beneficiary aid to be given to any one student while pursuing his studies, whether in Catawba College or in the Theological Seminary, shall not exceed \$100.00 for any one year. This amount, while such student is at Catawba College, shall be paid directly by the Treasurer of the Trustees of the College to the Treasurer of the College, and applied by him to the yearly expense of such student. While such student is at the Theological Seminary, the money shall be paid to him and applied to the actual necessary expenses involved by

pursuing his regular course as required by such Theological Seminary.

The course of such beneficiary student, whether in College or in the Seminary, shall be continuous, subject only to the regular vacation periods.

(B) Before any student or prospective student shall be eligible as a beneficiary of this fund, he must be carefully examined by a committee of the Classis within whose bounds Catawba College is located, of which committee the President of Catawba College shall be a member, and received under the care of said Classis. This examination shall have particular reference to the candidate's health, moral character, purpose for entering the Christian Ministry, and prospects for good success in such ministry. It shall be the duty of such student to apply himself diligently to his studies, to be a worthy example to his fellow students, and to make annual report to the Classis under whose care he is.

(C) A further requirement on the part of such student is, that he pledge himself to give the first ten years of his Christian Ministry in the service of the Reformed church in the South, and that he give a bona fide bond that should he not faithfully carry out such pledge, his bondsmen shall be liable, and the money advanced to him paid by them to the Treasurer of the Trustees of Catawba College. and applied to the fund hereafter created, to be known as "The Mrs. Rebecca Solliday Church Building Fund."

(D) Such beneficiary student, while at Catawba College, shall be a boarding student, save in the event that the College should not conduct a boarding department.

Second. The interest on this fund, known as "The George G. Solliday Fund," not needed in the support of students after the afore-mentioned manner, shall be used to create a second fund, the same to be known as "The Mrs. Rebecca Solliday Church Building Fund." From this fund, sums not exceeding \$1000.00 shall be loaned to mission churches at not more than 2 per cent. In view of this low per cent. the

church to which the sum shall be loaned shall meet all the necessary expenses involved in securing the loan. The amount loaned shall be used in the erection of a church, and for no other purpose, as for instance the building of a parsonage. It shall be fully secured, preferably by first mortgage, the lot being unincumbered when the loan is made. The loan shall be made for a period of not more than five years, and at the expiration of such period, shall be paid back in full, and again loaned after the afore-mentioned manner, and so on indefinitely.

(A) The interest accruing from the 2 per cent. rate shall be added to the original fund known as "The Mrs. Rebecca Solliday Church Building Fund."

(B) This fund shall be under the direction of a committee representing the Trustees of Catawba College, and the Classis within whose bounds said College is located.

It is further directed that should unforeseen conditions arise which would make this gift, or any part of it, inactive after the afore-mentioned stipulations, the Trustees of Catawba College shall have power to direct such fund as may have become inactive, with however the proviso that it be used as nearly as possible after the manner herein stipulated, and always with the view of serving the best interest of the Reformed church in the United States in the South."

2. At the request of Rev. W. W. Rowe, pastor of the East Rowan charge, the time for the next annual meeting of Classis, which is to be held in Bethel Reformed Church, Gold Hill, N. C., was changed from May 1, 1906 at 7:30 o'clock P. M., to May 8th, 1906, at 3:30 o'clock P. M.

3. There being no papers presented, this item was dropped.

The minutes were read and approved, and Classis adjourned with the benediction.

J. C. CLAPP, President pro tem.

CHAS. E. WEHLER, Stated Clerk pro tem.

SECOND SPECIAL MEETING.

The Classis of North Carolina met in special session in Heidelberg Reformed Church, Thomasville, November 20th, 1905, at 6:30 o'clock P. M. in obedience to the following call: China Grove, N. C. November 4th, 1905. Dear Brother:— There will be a special meeting of the Classis of North Carolina in Heidelberg Reformed church, Thomasville, N. C., November 20th at 6:30 o'clock P. M. to attend to the following items of business:

1. To dissolve the pastoral relation between Rev. Fred Cromer and the Thomasville charge.
2. To dismiss Rev. Fred Cromer to Eastern Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio.
3. To receive Rev. L. W. Showers from Clarion Classis, Pittsburg Synod.
4. To consider a call from the Thomasville charge to Rev. L. W. Showers.
5. If in order, to provide for the installation of Rev. L. W. Showers.
6. To consider a request to grant \$100 sustentation to the Lower Davidson Charge from the sustentation fund now in the Treasury.
7. To receive the report of Rev. D. E. Bowers on the organization of a second church in High Point.

J. L. BOWERS, President.

In the absence of the President the Stated Clerk called the Classis to order and Rev. D. E. Bowers was made President pro tem. The meeting was opened with Scripture reading and prayer by the chairman. The following members were present: Revs. D. E. Bowers, W. H. Causey and J. C. Leonard, and Elders Andrew Crotts and I. T. Hedrick. Rev. L. W. Showers was invited to a seat as an advisory member. Rev. D. M. Hawthorn of the Presbyterian church was invited to a seat in the Classis.

The items of the call were disposed of as follows:

1. The request of the joint consistory and Rev. Fred Cromer for the dissolution of the pastoral relation in the Thomasville charge was granted and the charge declared vacant.

2. The request of Rev. Fred Cromer to be dismissed to Eastern Ohio Classis, Synod of Ohio, was granted.

3. On presentation of a proper certificate of dismission from Clarion Classis, Synod of Pittsburg, Rev. Lucian W. Showers was received as a member of Classis. Being present he took his seat in Classis.

4. The call from the Thomasville charge to Rev. L. W. Showers was found in order and confirmed.

5. The following committee was appointed to install Rev. L. W. Showers pastor of the Thomasville charge: Revs. W. H. Causey, D. E. Bowers and J. C. Leonard.

6. An overture signed by the officers of the churches in the Lower Davidson charge for \$100 to supplement the pastor's salary was placed in the hands of Classis. The following action was taken:

Resolved, That an appropriation of \$100 be made to the Lower Davidson Charge to supplement the salary from the fund already raised for that purpose, provided a regular pastor be secured.

7. The following report was received and adopted: To the Reverend Classis of North Carolina: Bethel Reformed Church of High Point was duly organized October 24, 1905, and the members unanimously request that it be received by Classis.

Respectfully submitted,

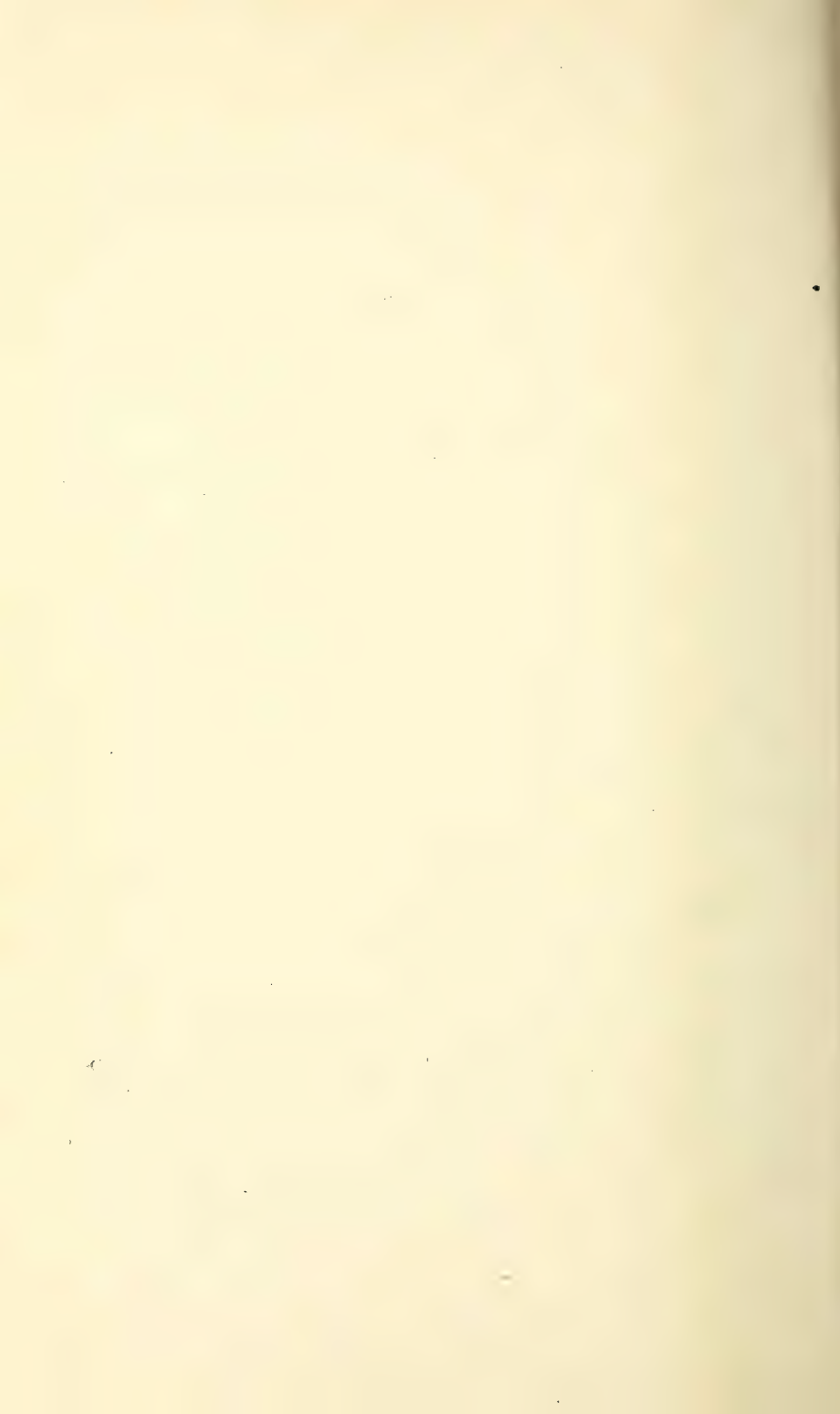
D. E. BOWERS.

This interest was continued under the care of Rev. D. E. Bowers.

The business for which the meeting was called having been disposed of, the minutes were read and approved, and the Classis adjourned with the benediction by Rev. D. E. Bowers.

D. E. BOWERS, President pro tem.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.



Statistical Report of North Carolina Classis, Synod of The Polomac, Reformed Church in the United States, for the year ending May 7th, A. D. 1906.

I hereby certify that these statistics are carefully and officially prepared.

J. C. LEONARD, Stated Clerk.

MINISTERS AND LICENTIATES	POST OFFICE ADDRESS	NAME OF CHARGES AND CONGREGATIONS	MEMBERS		ADDITIONS	LOSSES	\$ SCHOOLS		CONTRIBUTIONS		
			Communicants	Communed			Excommunicated	Students for Ministry	Benevolent Purposes	Congregational Purposes	Minutes of Synod Wanted
John Fingle	Green Park, N. C.	Without Charge	211	184	78	24	1	1	867.00	1025.00	135
Michael L. Hedrick	R. F. D. No. 1, Lexington, N. C.	Without Charge	183	161	60	4	11	1	351.00	65.00	1
Jacob C. Clapp, D. D.	Newton, N. C.	Without Charge	73	68	30	4	1	1	185.00	100.00	1
Peter M. Trexler, D. D.	R. F. D. No. 4, Salisbury, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	400.00	400.00	16
John A. Foll, Ph. D.	Without Charge	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	400.00	700.00	16
John A. Foll, Ph. D.	Without Charge	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	400.00	700.00	16
Joseph L. Murphy, D. D.	Lexington, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	100.00	100.00	16
Jacob C. Leonard	Lexington, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	180.00	180.00	16
J. M. Luther Lyerly, Ph. D.	Crescent, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	292.88	292.88	16
James D. Andrew	Burlington, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	306.70	306.70	16
Julius H. Shuford	Hickory, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	37.00	510.00	16
Henry E. Sechler	Seabreeze, Fla.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	200.00	200.00	16
Joshua L. Bowers	China Grove, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	300.00	300.00	16
John H. Keller	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	450.00	450.00	16
Wm. B. Dutten, B. D., Ph. D.	Salisbury, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	525.00	525.00	16
David E. Bowers	High Point, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	400.00	400.00	16
Samuel W. Beck	Concord, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	2100.00	2100.00	16
Walter W. Rowe	Rockwell, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	460.00	460.00	16
Calvin B. Heller	Maiden, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	150.00	150.00	16
Wm. H. Causey	R. F. D. No. 1, Lexington, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	400.00	400.00	16
Shuford Peeler	Greensboro, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	150.00	150.00	16
Allen R. Holshouser, M. D.	Rockwell, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	70.00	70.00	16
Charles E. Wehler	Newton, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	420.00	420.00	16
George Albert Snyder, D. D.	Newton, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	75.00	150.00	16
Lucian W. Showers	Thomasville, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	815.00	815.00	16
Vacant	Lexington, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	202.40	202.40	16
Vacant	Lamont, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	160.00	160.00	16
Vacant	Conover, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	45.20	45.20	16
Wm. H. McNairy, (supply)	Blowing Rock, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	140.80	140.80	16
Vacant	R. F. D. No. 1, Hickory, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	9.25	9.25	16
J. C. Leonard, (supply)	R. F. D. No. 1, Newton, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	15.00	15.00	16
J. L. Murphy, (supply)	Lexington, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	70.00	70.00	16
D. E. Bowers, (supply)	Hickory, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	4.50	4.50	16
W. H. Causey, (supply)	R. F. D. No. 1, Concord, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	115.00	115.00	16
Wm. S. Clapp, D. D.	Newton, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	600.00	600.00	16
William Whittier, D. D.	Stanley, N. C.	Without Charge	100	106	129	28	6	6	10733.00	10733.00	16

23 Congregations

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Total Statistical Summary of Potomac Synod for the Year A. D., 1905.

CLASSES				MEMBERS				ADDITIONS				LOSSES				SUNDAY SCHOOLS		CONTRIBUTIONS			
	Lincentiates																				
	Ministers																				
	Congregations																				
				Communicants																	
				Cummuned																	
				Unconfirmed																	
				Infant Baptisms																	
				Adult Baptisms																	
				Confirmed																	
				Cer'ficate or Re-nwal of Prof'n																	
				Dismissed																	
				Excommunic'd																	
				Eras're of Name																	
				Deaths, Com'ts																	
				Deaths, Unc'ed																	
				Number of																	
				Officers and Teachers																	
				Scholars																	
				Stud'nts for Min'y																	
				Benevolent Purposes																	
				Congregational Purposes																	
Zion	1	20	40	5761	4595	8334	308	22	199	178	104	1	141	72	68	39	736	6194	10	\$ 9,945 00	\$ 26,619 00
Maryland	1	46	65	11159	9022	6028	511	56	468	819	200	1	143	146	62	1178	8945	10	19,692 00	62,101 00	
Mercersburg	1	19	25	3627	2928	1214	90	58	114	128	96	1	34	56	21	23	871	2655	2	4,568 00	21,213 00
Virginia	1	17	32	2736	2198	1244	60	39	126	53	29	1	23	44	14	22	325	1874	1	3,112 00	15,515 00
North Carolina	1	27	50	4269	3105	1718	180	78	284	173	85	--	19	35	11	42	426	3030	9	4,380 00	14,270 00
Gettysburg	1	20	29	6187	5411	3293	292	20	229	112	110	--	48	106	36	29	446	3529	7	6,525 00	28,526 00
Carlisle	1	18	22	2417	1980	980	84	19	90	52	51	--	21	35	13	20	294	2416	1	2,736 00	13,346 00
Junata	1	20	53	6518	5033	2876	267	84	304	214	137	--	58	99	24	43	604	5441	2	9,156 00	34,343 00
Total	8188	316	42674	34267	20687	1789	376	1844	1229	812	2	407	593	261	286	4880	35984	32	\$ 60,604 00	\$ 215,983 00	

Total Statistical Summary of Reformed Church in the United States for 1905.

NAMES OF SYNODS	MEMBERS										ADDITIONS				LOSSES				S. SCHOOLS		CONTRIBUTIONS
	Licentiates	No. of Ministers	No. of Congreg'tions	Communicants	Unconfirmed	Infant Baptisms	Adult Baptisms	Confirmed	Certi. or Renew. of Profession.	Dismissed	Excommunic'd	Erasure of Name	Deaths Com'ts	Deaths Unconf'd	No. of Schools	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars	Students for Min't'y			
Eastern Synod	11	334	548	108978	87510	50317	5433	604	5214	3972	1876	11869	1763	930	565	10405	90997	68	\$ 136,387 00	\$ 572,427 00	
Ohio Synod	4	145	232	27418	21405	5314	745	564	1218	963	643	1	606	353	75	203	3287	23275	16	41,128 00	152,801 00
Synod of North West	4	172	296	22416	17710	14959	1650	27	1186	749	342	15	674	314	152	217	1578	13880	43	23,374 00	140,468 00
Pittsburgh Synod	1	96	158	21065	18646	10657	1186	218	846	844	428	3	416	326	137	146	1809	15439	8	41,563 00	139,897 00
Potomac Synod	7	179	316	42344	34116	20189	1801	376	1832	1197	810	2	404	360	261	297	4380	36391	32	36,991 00	113,021 00
German Synod of East	65	38	15177	11759	9533	1544	23	965	746	111	4	523	365	161	109	1553	11332	17	11,011 00	216,308 00	
Central Synod	106	120	24476	18702	12091	1316	117	930	723	214	4	523	365	155	109	1553	14720	17	11,011 00	123,633 00	
Synod of Interior	54	62	3427	2712	1213	118	97	191	174	174	1	162	39	13	55	672	4190	2	6,884 00	36,434 00	
Total	26	1151	1730	264931	212590	124283	13803	2021	12368	9383	4628	256	225	14110	1804	1648	24789	208524	194	\$ 332,720 00	\$ 1,494,629 00

